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KING'S ABDICATION NEARER THAN HIS RENUNCIATION

PARLIAMENT IS READY TO RUSH THROUGH NEEDED LEGISLATION

Duke of York's Succession To Throne is Automatic

EDWARD'S DECISION EXPECTED TO BE MADE KNOWN TO-DAY

London, Dec. 9.

Members of the House of Commons are convinced that the King's choice now lies solely between renunciation and abdication, and the continuous activities of other members of the Royal Family and lawyers means that he is nearer abdication than renunciation. Indeed, there are few now left who do not expect an abdication statement to-morrow.

This view is more strongly held since it became known that the Ministers were meeting this evening without themselves knowing what would be the King's choice.

It is learned on good authority that Mrs. Ernest Simpson, who continues to use her power to make His Majesty's choice as easy as possible, did not know herself this evening what would be the King's decision.

It is generally felt, however, that had the King intended to renounce his plans of marriage it would scarcely have involved so long a process of deliberation, and it seems probable that the thought of abdication held equal force in the King's mind.—*Reuter.*

LEADERS ARE INFORMED

London, December 10.

Mr. Clement R. Attlee, Labour chief and leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, and Sir Archibald Sinclair, Liberal Opposition leader, saw Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, privately last night. They were informed of the latest position with respect to the constitutional problem facing the King and the Empire.—*Reuter.*

London, Dec. 9.

Although there was no statement in the House of Commons to-day bearing upon the plans of His Majesty the King with respect to marriage, the Cabinet met at 7.30 p.m. to consider the latest position in the constitutional crisis.

There is reason to believe that it is present His Majesty has not reached a decision, but it is hoped that he will do so by to-morrow afternoon. A statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, is still expected at that time.

To-day's special Cabinet meeting was held in the Prime Minister's room in the House of Commons and the position is understood to be still completely open.

Nothing further is expected to emerge to-night by way of an intermediate statement, as Cabinet meeting will be held to-morrow prior to Mr. Baldwin's announcement in the House of Commons.

As Mr. Baldwin told the House of Commons, so Lord Halifax, the Government leader, informed the House of Lords in answer to questions by Lord Snell this afternoon: there was nothing to add to previous statements, but it was hoped they would be in a position to make a declaration to-morrow.

In the event of the King's decision to abdicate it is expected that a deed of abdication will be signed immediately and that Albert, Duke of York, will succeed to the throne. Legislation would necessarily follow.

The arrangement of parliamentary business and sittings this week will permit this in both Houses.

A Bill might be introduced into the House of Commons to-morrow, the debate would follow Friday, and the whole matter would be disposed of in both Houses by the week-end, if it is found necessary.

ALTERED SITTINGS

The House of Lords will meet to-morrow at 3.45 p.m., instead of the usual hour, 4.45 p.m.

The Lords will also meet at 3 p.m. on Friday, on which day they usually do not sit at all.

After this morning's Cabinet meeting, which lasted two and a half hours, it was expected that Mr. Baldwin

MAY BE KING TO-MORROW



His Royal Highness the Duke of York

G. B. SHAW ATTACKS CABINET

KING SHOULD WED MRS. SIMPSON

ABDICATION A DISASTER

London, Dec. 9.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw, making a statement on the constitutional crisis, said if King Edward "sticks to his guns" he will win the fight and marry Mrs. Simpson.

"The Cabinet," said Mr. Shaw, "hasn't a leg to stand on in this crisis. Ministers cannot give any constitutional reason why he should not marry her."

He doubted the reports that the Dominions objected to the wedding, adding "the Dominions would be very glad, as the marriage to an American woman would be the first step in the marriage of a future King to a Colonial woman. Ministers have rushed to the conclusion that the marriage would be unpopular."

Mr. Shaw said he had been flooded with letters approving a recent newspaper article dealing with the romance. "Everybody seems to favour the King," said Mr. Shaw. "Ministers have made a dreadful mess of things. They have not grasped the point that Mrs. Simpson cannot accept any position short of that of Queen Consort, due to the feeling which would be held by her country if her position was one of inferiority."

This notion that the King could be half-married is nonsense, as also is the notion that he must marry a Royal Princess—if any are left of good standing.

"Mrs. Simpson's blood is just as blue as that of any of the Royal Princesses." She holds a very high position in her country, which is a Republic—after all, the whole world is Republican, except a few corners. There are some people who hope that the bygone powers of Kings will return, and who hope that all these vulgar Republics will be swept away. That is tripe."

SHAW AND INSULT

Mr. Shaw said any refusal to sanction the marriage would be "a snub and a gross insult to the United States. I do not know what the American Ambassador in London would do—probably refuse to attend the Coronation."

Mr. Shaw characterized the possibility of a Regency as "filthy."

Regarding the Royal Family's opposition, Mr. Shaw said: "As a matter of fact they would have to stand it if the King persists." He said the King's abdication would be "an unmitigated disaster. There could be nothing possibly worse. It would be a frightful insult to the United States. People have not realised that the King's choice of an American woman is the best possible thing; there is nothing whatever against her."—*United Press.*

DEMANDS COLONIES' RETURN

SCHACHT EXPLAINS POSITION

Berlin, Dec. 9.

Another official demand for the return of Germany's colonies, lost in the Great War, was made to-day by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, Minister of Economy, when speaking to the Geographical Statistical Society at Frankfurt.

He described Germany's lack of space as a nightmare and declared her lack of raw materials was even greater than her lack of foodstuffs. Germany's existence could not be secured by commercial agreements. Her position would remain an element of danger in the European situation unless the situation were remedied, he warned.—*Reuter.*

AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS

Washington, Dec. 9.

The Red Cross headquarters here is awaiting a report and recommendations from its Manila Chapter before deciding to send aid to the flood areas in the Philippines.—*United Press.*

SIESTA BEFORE SLAUGHTER



In the rebel army lines, in the cutting districts of Madrid, these gunners enjoy a short siesta in the sun, but never far from their grim, little mountain gun, before returning to the work of killing. Latest advices from Madrid state that another and stronger insurgent offensive is in preparation and that Russian advisers to the Spanish Government forces have advised the evacuation of the capital to stronger lines, where the militia will await reinforcements of Russian troops before striking at the enemy flank and attempting to recapture the now thoroughly shell-shattered capital.

REBELS SUFFER REVERSE

LOSING GROUND TO BASQUES

BURGOS, VITORIA THREATENED

Madrid, Dec. 9.

While Government and insurgent forces are inactive in the frozen Madrid area, the Government troops have pushed on with their advance in the Burgos front.

Despatches from the north report that heavy fighting is in progress on the Santander front, where the Basque loyalists, fighting in the snow and ice on the Canadian Mountains, have captured Alto Saux Quilano and the fortress town of Clirarte. Government supporters have also advanced to within 25 miles of the important city of Vitoria.

An unconfirmed report from the same area states that a Government plane has forced down two rebel machines, both victories being credited to a Government "ace", believed to be a foreigner.

In Madrid, a Government spokesman has admitted that insurgent machine-guns near Villareal caused one Government bomber to make a forced landing. However, the machine suffered only minor damage, and the pilot and observers were uninjured.

Food rationing regulations have been put into force in Madrid, permitting each inhabitant to make daily purchases of half a pint of milk, one pound of bread, five ounces of meat, one ounce of bacon, one pound of fruit, half a pound of tomatoes and five ounces of peas, beans or lentils. Residents will in future be able to purchase on alternate days: four pounds of fish, two eggs, one pound of sugar and two pounds of rice.—*United Press.*

AIRMEN ABANDON VOYAGE

WEATHER SPOILS TRIP TO TOKYO

FLIERS HEAD FOR PARIS

Tunis, Dec. 9.

The weather has interrupted the flight of Jean Perraud and Gilbert Denis, the two French airmen, who had hoped to make a rapid flight from Paris to Tokyo and win the Air Ministry's purse of 400,000 francs offered for the voyage.

Although they have not abandoned their plans, they are returning to Paris to-day to await more favourable conditions before embarking on their dangerous enterprise. They took off for Le Bourget at 8.35 a.m. Yesterday, leaving Paris in the early morning, they arrived here in the afternoon, having taken something less than seven hours for the long hop.—*Reuter.*

CLIPPER DELAYED

Alameda, Dec. 9.

Due to bad weather, the departure of the Clipper plane for the Far East scheduled to-day, has been postponed until Monday.—*United Press.*

14 KILLED IN PLANE DISASTER

PILOT BLINDED IN DENSE FOG

WIRELESS MAN DYING

London, Dec. 9.

It is now officially stated that 14 persons were killed in the crash of the Dutch K.L.M. plane, near London, to-day.

The dead include Commander Hautzmaier, veteran Austrian pilot. The only three survivors are Walter Schuback, a German passenger, Jan van Bommel, radioman, who is expected to die, and the stewardess, Miss Bongerslam, who is suffering only from shock.

The cause of the crash was poor visibility. Fog limited the pilot's sight to only a few feet. Apparently the pilot, having lost his horizon, failed to gain altitude and scraped the roof of a house, struck a telephone pole and crashed into the side of a residence, the plane bursting into flames and setting fire to three houses.—*United Press.*

STRIVING TO STOP CIVIL WAR

ANGLO-FRENCH PLEA TO POWERS

INTERVENTION RESISTED

London, Dec. 9.

The Foreign Office has announced that the British and French Governments last week exchanged views on the situation created by the prolongation of the civil war in Spain and the dangers to the peace of Europe involved.

Having established that their views were identical in this matter, the French and British Governments asked the German, Italian, Portuguese and Russian Governments, through their respective diplomatic representatives on December 4, to join them in declaring their absolute determination to renounce strictly all direct or indirect action which in any way calculated to lead to foreign intervention in the conflict; and consequently, to instruct their representatives on the London Non-Intervention Committee with a view to the organisation of fully effective control.

They also asked these four Continental Governments to join them in a spirit of humanity and to endeavour to put an end to the armed conflict in Spain that the country may give united expression of its national will.—*Reuter.*

ASK FOR TIME

Paris, Dec. 10.

Germany, Italy and Portugal have asked for time to consider the Anglo-French proposals for the lessening of the danger of the Spanish war spreading and for ameliorating the lot of the suffering people of Spain.

Russia is understood to have stated that she is favourable to the proposals.

Mediation apparently will be sponsored by the Vatican, and also by the United States and other American republics.

Three stages of mediation are contemplated: namely, mediation by the powers, an armistice, and some sort of referendum in Spain which will determine where power shall lie.—*Reuter.*

DANZIG LEADER RETURNS

COMMUNIST SCARE CAUSING TENSION

Berlin, Dec. 9.

Dr. Graiser, President of Danzig, returned there from Berlin to-day. It is reported that 60 Communists, alleged to be Trotsky terrorists, have been arrested in Danzig on charges of subversive activities.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

TURKISH PLEA TO LEAGUE

DISPUTE WITH FRANCE TAKEN TO COUNCIL

Geneva, Dec. 9.

Turkey has appealed to the League of Nations Council in connection with the Franco-Turkish dispute over Alexandretta and Antioch, which were conditionally ceded by Turkey under post-war treaties.

It is suggested that the lives and liberties of the Turkish population are being placed in jeopardy.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

POEMS

UP-HILL

Does the road wind up-hill all the way?
Yes, to the very end.
Will the day's journey take the whole long day?
From morn to night, my friend.
But is there for the night a resting place?
A roof for when the slow dark hours begin,
May not the darkness hide it from my face?
You cannot miss the inn.
Shall I meet other wayfarers at night?
Those who have gone before.
Then must I knock or call when just in sight?
They will not keep you standing at that door.
Shall I find comfort, travel-sore and weak?
Of labour you shall find the sum.
Will there be beds for me and all who seek?
Yea, beds for all who come.
C. G. ROSSETTI.

I strove with none, for none was worth my strife,
Nature I loved, and next to Nature, Art;
I warmed both hands before the fire of life;
It sinks, and I am ready to depart.
W. S. LANDOR.

Name Chart

VICTORIA
Symbol: A woman crowned with a wreath of laurel.

THIS name signifies self-reliance, courage, and the power to sway others.
Friday is your lucky day, especially the third hour after sunrise and the hour before sunset. The most fortunate day of the month is the 15th.
The colours best adapted to your personality are pale blue, pale pink, and all the soft pastel shades. All these harmonise with the name of Victoria.
Your lucky stones are the red and white coral, and your lucky number is 6.
The myrtle and the maidenhair fern are sacred to you.

Jane Gordon is helping you to choose your winter wardrobe. To-day she discusses everyday clothes, advises a four-piece outfit as both economical and smart, for town or for country wear.

ACCORDING to my calculations your winter wardrobe contains by now a four-purpose evening model, which we chose last week; a winter top coat for town or country, and an ankle-length tunic frock. The moment has now arrived when you should add a four-piece suit to your collection.

These four-piece suits are eminently practical whether you live in town or in the country. The model Angrave has sketched for you is designed more for country wear. The voluminous top coat will keep you as "snug as a bug in a rug." The plaid will be equally smart in the small shepherd variety or the large bold type so dear to the heart of the boulder.

The skirt of this model is plaid and the jacket in plain cloth.

If your plaid is of the thick rug type, then choose a heavy duvetyn, suede, or leather for your jacket, and wear a ribbed jumper underneath, of wool or heavy silk, with or without a collar, and let the sleeves be elbow length or long.

If you live in town let your top coat be of the seven-eighths or knee length, and have it in the same plain colour as the suit underneath, only in a thicker material. It will be the last word if it is lined with heavy taffeta of a brilliant shade, such as tangerine or violet-blue, to match the blouse of the same material and colour.

The jacket of the tailored suit must fit like a glove, and it will look less bulky under the coat if you choose a single-breasted style, belted or unbelted, as you like.

The skirt must be slim and straight or flared in the new skating skirt fashion. These new skating skirts are the most important feature of one of the leading London shows, and you are going to see a great many of them this winter. They are short, reaching only three to three and a half inches below the knee. They are cut tight over the hips and then flared out to the hem.

They may be pleated or plain, and they are worn with tight-fitting jackets, some with pockets, some plain, and all with leanings towards Norfolk jacket style.

One suit with a black pleated skirt has a tightly draped ash around the waist and is worn with a sulphur tweed jacket. There is any



DAY SUITS

amount of velvet used. A black velvet skating skirt is worn with a jacket in brightest velvet plaid.

Some of the smartest four-piece suits this winter are made of a mixture of cloth and velvet.

For instance, a fine face cloth is used for a plain skirt and jacket with wide revers of deep royal purple velvet. The short-sleeved shirt is made of the same velvet, and the knee-length top coat of cloth has an enormous front piece with slit at one side which can be slipped over the arm to make a one-shoulder cape.

The wide-brimmed Mexican hat is in black felt with the turned-up brim in purple velvet.

A three-quarter length coat of olive green jersey is worn over a suit of the same shade with a wine-coloured velvet scarf and velvet hat. A navy blue top coat cut on generous lines is worn with a skirt made with a really bulky box panel in front and worn with a blue and white cashmere fringed jumper. The hat has a great tassel on one side.

VELVETEEN and jersey are two more materials that are going to be very much with us this winter. You can find jersey thick enough to make the heaviest kind of top coat and fine enough for the slimmest tailored suit or day frock.

Velveteen is used for dresses and swing coats lined with taffeta, or else for smart suits with hip-length jackets cut in tight at the waist and flared out into a basque, worn with straight or flared skirts.

Jersey colours—stone, beige, dust, olive green, leaf green and black—Velveteen—sapphire blue and black.

Comforting DISHES for COLD DAYS

by a Yorkshire Housewife

IT is at this time of year that the menfolk, coming home cold and tired from business, appreciate the more substantial dishes such as those the Yorkshire housewife knows so well how to prepare.

Here is a selection of recipes handed down from mother to daughter in my family for generations.

Sausage pie

Yorkshire sausage pie is a delightful cold weather dish and has the added advantage that it can be prepared beforehand. Brown some sausages in the frying pan and lay them in a pie-dish. Put over them a layer of fried onions and a little gravy. Add a crust of mashed potatoes and put it in the oven for half an hour to get heated through and browned on top.

Ham and egg pie is a favourite with Yorkshire farmers for high tea.

Lightly grill a thick gammon rashor and cut it in small pieces. Line an ordinary plate with short crust and spread the pieces of gammon over the bottom. Break over it three or four eggs, cover with crust, and bake. Serve hot or cold.

Another way to cook a gammon is to put a half-inch thick rashor in a fireproof dish and surround with halves of tomatoes and onion rings. Bake for twenty minutes to half an hour and serve in the dish it is cooked in.

Yorkshire tea-cakes are the flat round-cakes—floury—on-the-outside, without which, sliced and buttered or split and toasted, no Yorkshire tea table is complete.

Mix two pounds of flour and a tea-spoonful of salt in a warm dry bowl. Cream one and a half ounces of yeast with a teaspoonful of sugar and add a pint of warm milk. Rub three ounces of lard into the flour and add six ounces of currants and one ounce of chopped peel. Pour the yeast and

milk into the flour and mix into a light dough. Knead well, cover with a cloth and set to rise. When well risen, make the dough into eight round cakes, put them on a baking sheet and set them to rise again in a warm place for an hour. Bake in a quick oven for ten minutes.

Parkin

Here is my granny's recipe for Parkin—Mix together one and a half pounds of oatmeal and one pound of flour. Rub in three-quarters of a pound of butter (or margarine). Add one pound of treacle, half a pound of sugar, three teaspoonfuls of ginger, and two teaspoonfuls of carbonate of soda. Mix with a little milk. Turn the mixture into a greased, square baking-pan and bake in a moderate oven. When cooked, cut the cake into squares and store in a sealed tin. Parkin is better if kept for a month before use.

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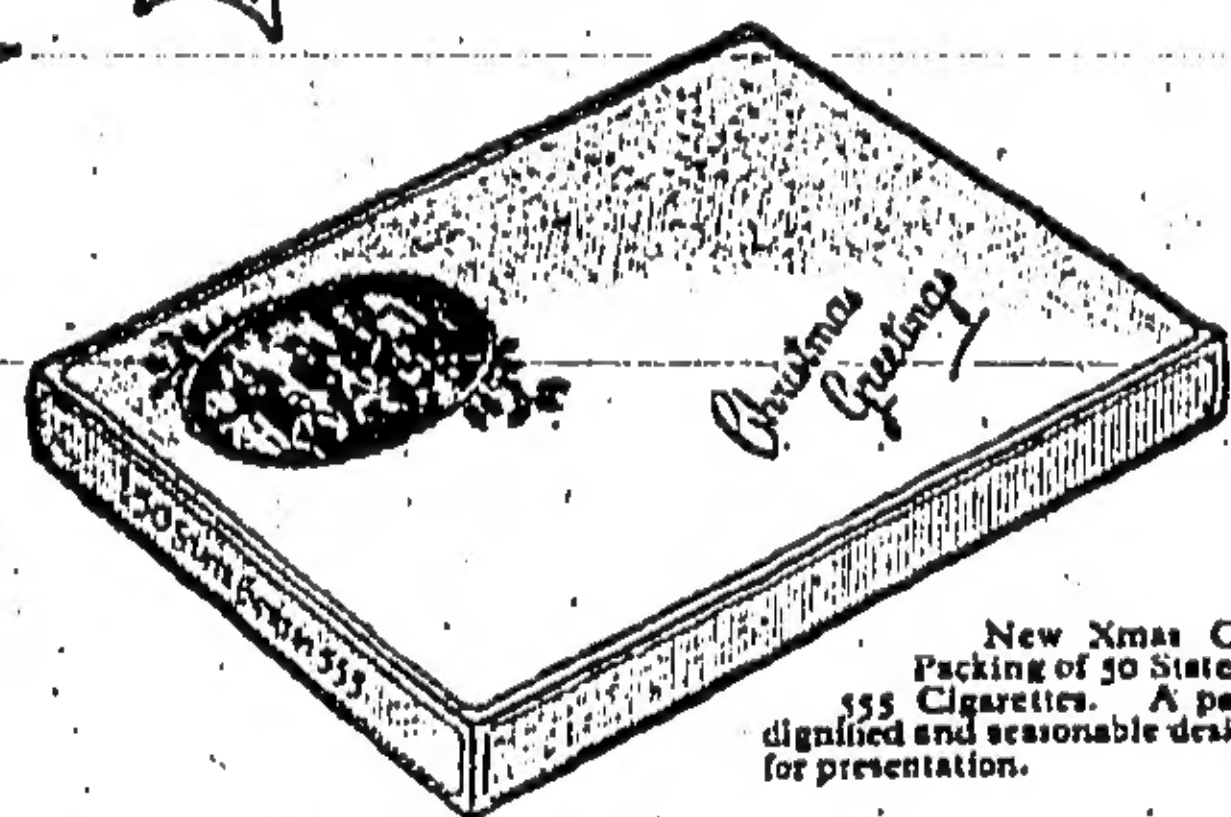
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King's Marriage His Private Affair, Erasmus' Counsel 4 Centuries Ago

New York. A King's marriage is his own private matter, and whoever will make him a good wife is honourable enough whatever her birth. This counsel, along with much else pertinent to 1536, was written four centuries ago by the great humanist, Erasmus, to his pupil, the future Emperor Charles V of Spain. It is contained in Erasmus' famous book, "The Education of a Christian Prince," now republished in its first complete English translation by Columbia University Press. The translation, with an introduction, is by Lester K. Born.

The work was for centuries a textbook for the education of European rulers, and Erasmus himself sent a copy to the much-married Henry the Eighth of England. His advice to Prince Charles on picking a bride was this:

"For my part, I should think that it would be by far most beneficial to the state if the marriage alliances of princes were confined within the limits of their own kingdoms or, if they had to go beyond their boundaries, with only their nearest neighbours, and then only those who warrant faithful friendship. But, they say, it is not right for the daughter of a king to marry anyone except a king or a king's son. Those are merely the fancies of individuals to raise their own kin to as high a position as they can, and the prince should have no sympathy with them at all."

"The marriage of princes is really

a private matter of their own. It is called the greatest of human affairs, so that we too often have a recurrence of what happened to the Greeks and the Trojans because of Helen.

"But if you please to make a choice becoming a prince, your wife should be selected from all women for her integrity, modesty and wisdom, and one who would be an obedient wife to a good prince and would bear him children worthy both of their parents and the state. She is honourable enough, whatever

her birth, who will make a good wife for the good prince."

Erasmus added that a good prince "does not consider his own affairs prosperous unless he looks out for the welfare of the state." Warning that unwise alliances with foreign princesses often produced wars, he added:

"Although I am aware that this custom is too long accepted for one to hope to be able to uproot it, yet I thought it best to give my advice in case things should turn out beyond my hopes."

YOUNG WIDOW MURDERED IN RIVIERA EXPRESS

Cannes, Dec. 1.

HANDS and feet chained, her face partly covered with a chloroform gag, a strikingly beautiful brunette was found strangled on the seat of a first-class carriage of the Strasbourg-Ventimiglia express as it approached Monte Carlo this morning.

She was identified as Mme. Suzanne Garola, aged 35, a widow, manageress of the famous "Marquise de Sevigne" luxury sweet shops branch establishment at Cannes. Under her management the shop became the tea-time social centre of the town, especially for British visitors.

Mme. Garola appears to have been the victim of train thieves. Her three suitcases were opened, valuable rings which she always wore were gone, only a few coins were in her handbag. The compartment showed signs of a violent struggle.

PRESENTIMENT OF EVIL

When she boarded the express at Lyons last night after visiting a sister she noticed two suspicious-looking men on the platform. She told her brother-in-law:

"I wish I had not to leave to-night. I would not like to travel in the company of such men. Find me an empty compartment where I can sleep in peace."

She was seen in the corridor when the train stopped at Marseilles. An hour later the guard noticed her lying on the seat, apparently asleep. When the train approached Monte Carlo he decided to awaken her, but discovered that she was dead.

GUARD'S STORY

He told the police that once when he went to waken the woman an elderly man in the corridor said: "Leave her alone, she's asleep."

Mme. Jean Michel, mother of the murdered woman, said to-night that with her grandson she went to meet the train this morning. When her daughter did not appear she thought she had missed the train. "My daughter had no enemies," she said, "and there can be no question of a drama of passion."

BETRAYED BY UNDERWORLD AND TATTOOED HAND

From C. V. R. THOMPSON,

New York, Dec. 1.

A SLANT-EYED sailor with the words "Hard Luck" tattooed across his knuckles was arrested at Baltimore to-day for questions concerning three murders at sea, including that of beautiful socialite Starr Faithfull, whose battered, half-clothed body was washed ashore at Long Island five years ago.

One night in June 1931 Starr Faithfull attended a play in the liner Mauretania. She was never seen again. A letter was discovered later which indicated suicide because of the collapse of a love affair, but the final belief was that she had been murdered.

The sailor arrested to-day is Gail Gilmore, aged 36. He was discovered in a waterfront boarding-house by detectives who had trailed him for two months as a suspect in the killing of yachtman William Mortiz, whose bullet-torn and stabbed body was

found floating in New York Harbour last August.

The detectives grilled their prisoner relentlessly while they brought him by train to New York.

They asked him about his whereabouts at the time of the Starr Faithfull murder and also the murder of Benjamin Collins, eccentric inventor and mechanical engineer.

Collings was seized by harbour pirates who boarded his cabin cruiser and attacked him. When Mrs. Collings went to her husband's aid the pirates had disappeared. The inventor's body, shot, stabbed and bound, was washed up on Long Island shore a week later.

BLOODSTAINS IN SLOOP

Collings' murder was just three weeks after the Starr Faithfull crime. Police believe Starr Faithfull was killed aboard some craft and thrown overboard.

Gilmore was traced by the words "Hard Luck" which he had tattooed across his knuckles during a drunken waterfront orgy.

Mrs. Gilmore told detectives that her husband, who had worked for the dead yachtman William Mortiz, had gone to Boston by motor-car just before his employer's body was discovered.

She told them his tattoo marks and directed them to his fishing sloop.

Bloodstains were found on some cushions in the sloop, and the police also discovered several unopened letters addressed to the nephew of a New York police inspector.

A tip from the underworld told detectives that Gilmore might be at Baltimore.

NEW MYSTERY

For weeks they went through the bars and cafes of Baltimore's waterfront looking for a man with "hard luck" tattooed on his knuckles.

At last they saw the man they were looking for. They followed Gilmore to his lodging-house and quietly arrested him.

Said the detectives: "This may result in revelations regarding the Faithfull case."

They said nothing more. Another mystery was provided by navigator's licence found in a wallet the detectives took from Gilmore.

It bore the name "Carl Shultz, yachtman." Shultz was reported missing from New York Harbour several months ago.

SIX NEW EXPRESS LINERS

CUNARD-WHITE STAR directors are, it is understood, negotiating with the Government for money aid in their £10,000,000 reconstruction programme.

Six express liners of medium size are planned.

The Government, it is thought, may be influenced by the fact that the ships will be of a type which could in war be rapidly converted to fast troop-carriers or armed merchant vessels.

The promotion of a Bill is proposed similar to the North Atlantic Shipping Act which empowered the Government to advance £5,000,000 at a low rate of interest for the building of the Queen Mary and her sister ship.

FOUR TENDERS

Tenders for two new ships have already been received by the company from four of the principal British ship-building firms and orders are likely to be placed in the New Year.

The ships will be of about 28,000 tons and similar to the motor liners George and Britannic, except that they will be steam propelled.

The cost has been estimated at £4,000,000.

ARRESTING LIKENESS

Montreal, Dec. 1.

Harold Beament has a talent for drawing.

In his bedroom in Montreal Harold was asleep when he was roused by the opening of his door. A man came in and tiptoed about the room.

As the intruder bent over desk and drawer his flashlight lit up his face.

Mr. Beament made no effort to stop him—no attempt to call the police. He lay in his bed, eyes focused on the features that he glimpsed so briefly.

As soon as the man left Mr. Beament snatched pencil and paper and sketched him. The harsh lines and delicate shading of the impression were unmistakable.

He handed the sketch to the police. It was circulated among the force. And —

The man was recognised, arrested and sentenced.

He was a burglar with 25 previous convictions.

SETTLER SHOOT'S BEAST OF LEGEND

Nairobi, Nov. 20.

WHITE-SETTLER Jesse R. Coope, hunting in the Mau forest, 100 miles from here, has shot a huge lynx-like creature which local people here believe to be a Nandi bear.

For more than 20 years natives and others have reported seeing a Nandi bear at rare intervals, but never has one been shot or caught before. The animal has achieved an almost legendary reputation.

Captain A. T. A. Ritchie, the Kenya game warden, says the shot beast resembles an "outside lynx" but possesses significant points of difference. It has dark mahogany coloured fur. Local experts say they have never seen anything like it before.

The skin and skull are being sent to the British Museum for examination and possible identification.

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AIR DISASTER

K.L.M. LINER CRASHES NEAR CROYDON

London, Dec. 9. A K.L.M. liner crashed in flames at Croydon and it is believed that all fifteen of the occupants have perished. The liner was proceeding to Amsterdam.

Later.
The passenger list of the Dutch air liner includes the autogiro expert, La Cleva, the Swedish admiral and ex-Premier S. A. A. Lindman, five Germans, two British, one Pole, one South African Dutchman, one Finn and another Swede.
The disaster occurred in fog, when visibility was at its shortest. The plane crashed into a house and it is now officially stated that 12 were killed and five injured, three of whom are expected to recover.

Later.
The only survivors of the air disaster are a German passenger, the wireless operator and the stewardess.—*Reuter*.
An outline of the career of Admiral Lindman appears elsewhere in this issue.

Crashed Into House
London, Dec. 9.
Within a few minutes of taking off from Croydon Aerodrome, the Royal Dutch airliner bound for Amsterdam crashed in flames at Purley. There were 14 passengers and three crew.
Five passengers and the stewardess were rescued severely burned; the remainder perished.
The flames set fire to houses nearby and the fire brigade was called out.
The machine was in charge of Pilot Houtman.
An eye-witness states that the aeroplane crashed onto the roof of an empty house and burst immediately into flames, setting the house alight. Seven fire engines arrived and poured water on the burning house and machine.—*Reuter's Special*.

Fourteen Dead
London, Dec. 9.
The latest list of casualties states that fourteen have died and three are injured.—*United Press*.

Christmas Advertising

Advertisers requiring additional space in the "South China Morning Post" and "The Hongkong Telegraph" during the month of December, are requested to make their reservations as early as possible. In the interests of advertisers, we hope to distribute advertising evenly throughout the month, and in order to assist us, co-operation is invited.

FREE STATE EXECUTIVES IN SESSION

Dublin, Dec. 10.
Mr. Eamon de Valera presided over a meeting of Irish Free State Ministers last night which is understood to have been called as a result of a communication from London, presumably from the Dominions Secretary, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald.
In addition to the Ministers, the Permanent Secretary and Legal Adviser of the Department of External Affairs was present. No statement with regard to the meeting has been issued hitherto.
The Free State Executive Council is expected to meet today.—*Reuter*.

U. S. MARINE CHANGES SEVERAL COMMANDS AFFECTED

Washington, Dec. 9.
Mr. Claude Swanson, Secretary for the Navy, has announced the following Marine transfers:
Brigadier Beaumont to command the Second Brigade of the Fleet Marine Force at San Diego.
Major General Breckinridge to command at Quantico.
Major General Lyman to succeed Major General Breckinridge as Commander of the Department in the Pacific.
Major General Little to command the Fleet Marine Force at San Diego.
Brigadier Bradman to command at Quantico.
Brigadier Buttick to command the Marine Schools at Quantico.
Brigadier Mende to the Navy War College at Newport.
It is also announced that Rear Admiral Downes has been transferred to command the Cruiser Division Scouting Force, Rear Admiral Hayne Ellis succeeding him as Commandant of the Ninth Naval District at Chicago.—*United Press*.

KING'S ABDICATION NEARER THAN HIS RENUNCIATION

(Continued from Page 1.)

to add to Monday's announcement. The Labourites, said Mr. Attlee, hoped the statement would not be postponed in view of the present unsettling effects and financial inconveniences.
That the House itself is affected by the prevailing uncertainty was shown by the fact that the number of usual questions on the order paper has been away considerably, members professing to be mystified by the continued absence of a final solution on the constitutional issue.—*Reuter Special*.

GODDARD'S STATEMENT

London, Dec. 9.
Mr. Theodore Goddard, Mrs. Simpson's solicitor, who flew to Cannes to see her yesterday, in a statement issued to-day says that Dr. Kirkwood, his medical adviser and old friend, accompanied him on the trip solely to attend him, as he had always been advised not to fly.—*Reuter Special*.

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LECTURE ON ART ENGLISH FORUM MEMBERS AT CHINESE Y.V.C.A.

A talk on art was given at the Chinese Y. V. C. A. last night, in the presence of members of the Hongkong English Forum, by Mr. Luis Chan. Mr. Chan illustrated his talk by producing paintings by Alphonse Talmadge, Gerald Kelly, Guy Korrigh and himself, and analysing them.

Mr. Chan said in part:
The late Sir Alfred East, in his book on "Landscape Painting," aptly sums up the meaning and purpose of Art. He says: "It is not because it is like nature that it possesses a claim for consideration as a work of art, but because he, the artist, has breathed into it the breath of his life and stamped upon it the vitality of his vision. Art is not a dead thing, it never was and never will be; it is the living fact of man's vitality; it approaches the divine inasmuch as it is a creation, it takes from nature the inert and brings them together that, by the touch of its finger, it becomes a living and breathing thing. If the highest accomplishment of art were imitation, then the cast from life would be superior to the sculptor's work, or the imitation of natural sounds the highest expression of music, we should place the photographer before the painter."

Mr. Chan proposed to-night to explain the differing attitudes of various schools of artists towards painting a subject, and to illustrate them with examples of their work as far as I am able without the aid of lantern slides.

Realist Painters
To begin with, I shall take the subject of the painting of a landscape by artists of different schools. First, the realist who paints what he sees after careful study as 'exactly as he can. He feels no need to create by re-arranging objects or changing the colour scheme so as to produce more harmony in the picture. He is afraid to alter anything lest he should give the impression of incorrectness of vision. Thus he makes the statement of truth as he sees it, hard strict truth as of a natural fact, depending entirely on his subject for interest.

Again, the impressionist paints the scene in terms of light. As this effect in feeling, he has to train his vision and memory to pick out and record. The success or failure of the picture lies in his ability to remember and his skill in recording. His task is to pick out striking essentials of the scene and disregard details unnecessary to the broad effect which he has no time to observe or to study.

The decorative painter dealing with the same subject goes about it in quite a different way. He will first of all re-arrange it in an orderly manner. This is "to compose." He makes no apology for any peculiarity of vision, because the deliberate re-arrangement is his own invention.

He selects some central feature to suit the pattern he has in mind; he emphasises his own composition, and at the same time makes his picture admired for the purity and harmony of its colouring.

There are, naturally, artists who paint in a mixture of styles dictated by their own individuality. They select what appeals to them in any style to build up their own pictures. They have no prejudice against any particular art movement but are willing and able to learn how to work out their own vision and ideas from all sources, new and old, and thus to broaden their outlook on art and their power of expression.

Four Principles
Once you grasp the various attitudes I have mentioned, you are ready to judge the merits of a picture. In such judgment it is important to discover the main attitude of the painter and what his purpose is. To all types of painting the following four principles should set the standard:—Excellence of Design; Harmony of Colour Scheme; Representation of subject and effect as intended; and Emotion, that is, what it makes you feel.

What makes a masterpiece lies in the skill with which the artist has carried out his purpose.
Before we consider pictures in detail I will give you some idea of what we mean by applying these principles. Let us take the design—our first principle. By design is meant the arrangement of the subject by means of line and masses so that its centre of interest stands out and every part of the picture is well balanced in relation to it. If the design is not well balanced one feels that the picture looks uncomfortable or some part of it seems to jump out at one. On the other hand, if the design is complete, a sense of satisfaction is felt so that no one inch could be sacrificed without detriment to the general effect of the whole.

There are various kinds of lines—horizontal, vertical, diagonal, bent, curved. The horizontal gives a sense of repose such as the horizon of a calm sea or the flatness of a wide landscape. The vertical suggests a sense of support and dignity as, for instance, the trunk of a tree or the pillars of a building. The diagonal gives a sense of falling or leaning—that is dramatic movement. Bent line suggests ruggedness such as the bark of a tree or a rock hill. Exactly opposite is the curved line which suggests beauty and softness. Think of the elegance of the drooping branch of a willow tree or the charm of the curve of a wide bay for instance. Then again there are more violent curved lines which suggest movement such as waves.

"The Hay Boat"

Before concluding I will show you one of my own pictures as an example of how I myself have tried to

DISTRESSED AREAS NEW LEGISLATION PROMISED BY CABINET

London, Dec. 9.
In the Commons last night the Government agreed to limiting the operation of the Special Areas Act, under which measures for assisting the depressed areas of Britain are undertaken, to May 31 of next year, instead of 1938.

Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Labour, assured the House that the new amending bill promised by the Chancellor of the Exchequer would be brought in early after the Christmas recess to make such amendments in the Act as might be found necessary. He added that the Government would put special areas in the forefront among factors to be taken into account in locating new enterprises.

In the north they were benefiting from a revival in trade connected with the expenditure on armaments, but Merthyr was receiving no advantage of that kind.

Problem of Merthyr
Sir George Gillett, the recently appointed Special Areas Commissioner, concluded a two days tour of South Wales yesterday. He announced that he intends appointing to his London office highly qualified men to look out for new industries for special areas.

Having visited Gateshead, Jarrow and other "black spots" of the North of England, Sir George Gillett said of Merthyr seemed about as difficult problem as any districts he had seen.—*British Wireless*.

On Monday, December 21, the Band and Drums of the 2nd Battalion The East Lancashire Regiment will play a combined Retreat at Shum Shui Po, commencing at 5.15 p.m. This will be the last occasion this ceremony will be performed by the battalion in Hongkong and the general public are cordially invited.

work out these principles. It is a watercolour which I call "The Hay Boat."

This picture was painted on a clear sunny morning, and I think I have succeeded in representing to some extent the effect it had on me. For this purpose I had to disregard a lot of unnecessary details. I had also done a great deal of close observation in catching the movement and form of the water.

Before the painting was begun, the scene in this picture had already aroused my interest that here was a wonderful subject and effect to paint. With that in mind I painted the subject happily and thrillingly. Thus the result is one infused with the spirit of the subject and that of the artist.

I trust this talk has given you a rough idea of how to look at, understand and rejoice in pictures.

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The Christmas Air Mail for Great Britain by "Imperial Airways Service" will be closed in the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office on Friday, December 11, by the R.M.A. Dorado as follows:
Registered 5.00 p.m. December 10.
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POSTAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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INWARD MAILS.

Japan	Anyo Maru	December 10.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 12th November and London Parcels—London		
date, 5th November.		
Japan and Shanghai	Rajputana	December 10.
Shanghai and Fochow	Ranchi	December 10.
Shanghai	Shantung	December 10.
Haiphong	D'Arignani	December 11.
Shanghai and Amoy	G.G. Paul Doumer	December 11.
Haiphong	Chekiang	December 12.
Straits	Philippines	December 12.
Japan	Canton	December 13.
Shanghai	Dakota Maru	December 13.
Straits	Antenor	December 14.
Japan	Cremer	December 15.
Shanghai	Malacca Maru	December 15.
Straits	Pres. Doumer	December 15.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 28th November)	Terukuni Maru	December 15.
Calcutta and Straits	Emp. of Asia	December 16.
Amoy	Kulsang	December 16.
Japan and Shanghai	Santhia	December 17.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 25th November)	Suwa Maru	December 18.
Java and Manila	Asama Maru	December 18.
Australia and Manila	Tjikembang	December 19.
Straits, Manila and London Parcels—London 12th November	Kitano Maru	December 20.
	Menestheus	December 20.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per Thursday	Date and Time.
Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Necker	Thurs., Dec. 10, 12.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Canton and Districts	C.N.A.C. plane	Thurs., Dec. 10, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 10, Noon.
	Letters	Dec. 10, 12.30 p.m.
Makassar and Sourabaya	Chinese Prince Fri.	Dec. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow	Dahpu	Thurs., Dec. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Samshul and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Thurs., Dec. 10, 4 p.m.
Air Mail for Swatow, Amoy, Fochow and North China (via Shanghai)	C.N.A.C. plane	Fri., Dec. 11, 5.30 p.m.
	Shengwan P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 10, 7 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 11, 5 a.m.
	Friday	
Letters for "Imperial Airways R.M.A. Dorado Direct Service" (Due London, December 21.)	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Fri., Dec. 11, 5.30 a.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Letters for "Australia by Imperial R.M.A. Dorado Airways Service" (Due Darwin, December 15.)	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Fri., Dec. 11, 8.30 a.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 11, 8.30 a.m.
	Letters	Dec. 11, 9.30 a.m.
Manila	Serookork	Fri., Dec. 11, 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Vancouver B.C., and Europe (Parcels for Canada only).	Emp. of Japan	Fri., Dec. 11, 9.30 a.m.
(Due Vancouver B.C., 20th Dec.)		
Shanghai, Japan and "Europe via Rajputana" (Due Victoria B.C., 6th January).	Parcels	Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 11, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters	Dec. 11, 10 a.m.
	Saturday	
Letters for "K.L.M. Service" (Due Amsterdam, December 21.)	Ranchi	Sat., Dec. 12, 12.30 p.m.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 12, 9.30 a.m.
	Letters	Dec. 12, 10 a.m.
Amoy	Anshun	Sat., Dec. 12, 11.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles.	Ranchi	Sat., Dec. 12, 11.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles, 8th January)	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Parcels	Fri., Dec. 11, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Sat., Dec. 12, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Sat., Dec. 12, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and "Europe via Siberia"	Philippines	Sat., Dec. 12, 5 p.m.
	Sunday	
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Dec. 13, 9 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Holhow, Pakhol and G.G. Paul Doumer		Mon., Dec. 14, 1 p.m.
"Haiphong"		
	Tuesday	
Letters for Guam, Honolulu and Changie		Tues., Dec. 15, 12.30 p.m.
U.S.A. by "Pan American Airways Service"—due San Francisco, 22nd December.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 15, 9.30 a.m.
	Letters	Dec. 15, 10 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand Changie		Tues., Dec. 15, 10 a.m.
via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 20th December.	Parcels	Dec. 14, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 15, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Dec. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kalgan	Tues., Dec. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Batavia	Tjisondari	Tues., Dec. 15, 9.30 a.m.
Letters for "Air-Orient Service"—due Marseilles, 27th December	Pres. Doumer	Tues., Dec. 15, 9.30 a.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 15, 12.30 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 15, 1 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon India, East and Pres. Doumer		Tues., Dec. 15, 12.30 p.m.
South Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
(Due Marseilles, 11th January).	Reg.	Dec. 15, 12.45 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 15, 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Tues., Dec. 15, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and "Europe via Terukuni Maru"		Tues., Dec. 15, 3.30 p.m.
	Wednesday	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt Antenor		Wed., Dec. 16, 12.30 p.m.
and "Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 13th January and London Parcels—due London, 19th January.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Parcels	Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 16, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Dec. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	Wed., Dec. 16, 9.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tainan	Wed., Dec. 16, 3.30 p.m.
	Friday	
Sandakan	Hinsang	Fri., Dec. 18, 9.30 a.m.
Japan	Kulsang	Fri., Dec. 18, 10.30 a.m.
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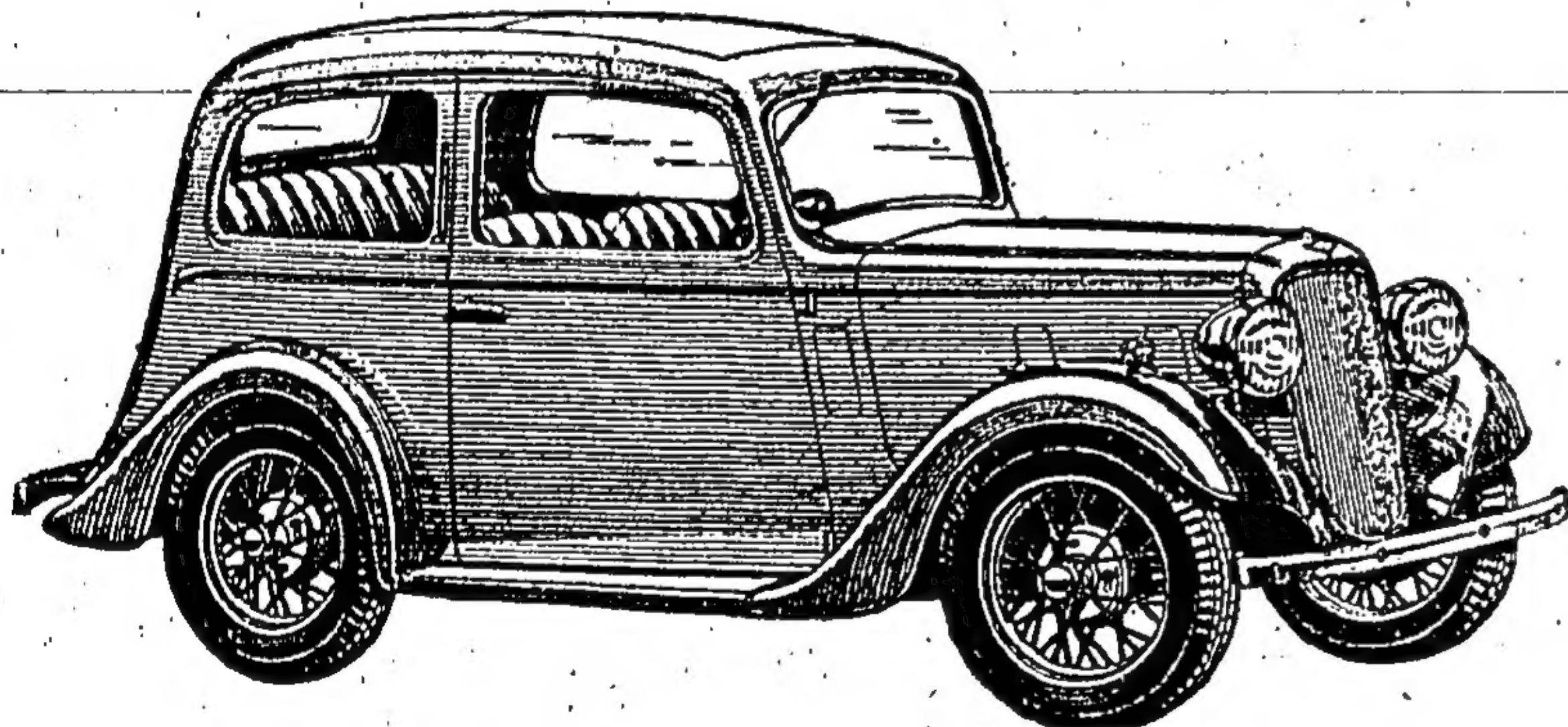
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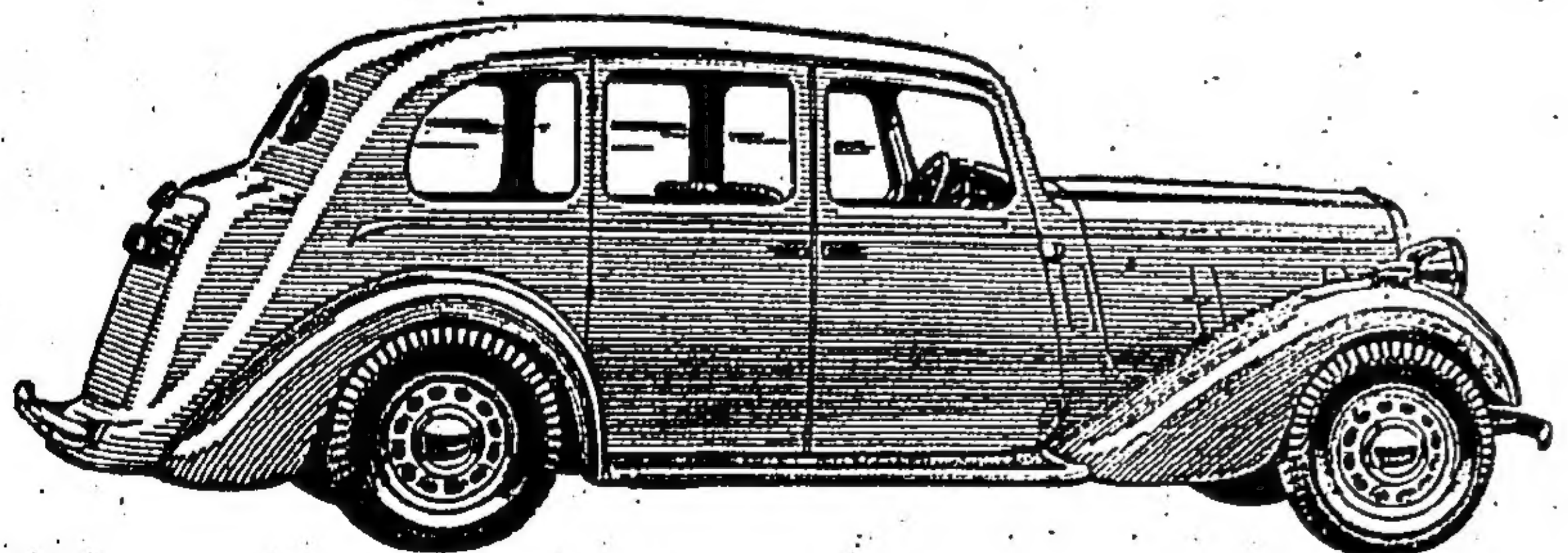
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NOTES

One of the most notable casts assembled in recent months for a romantic comedy was completed at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer with the signing of Charles Butterworth and Walter Abel for two of the principal roles in "We Went to College," which is at the King's Theatre to-day. Hugh Herbert, Una Merkel, Walter Catlett and Edith Atwater have other outstanding assignments in the picture which Joseph Santley directed. The play was written by Richard Maibach and Maurice Ruff, from a story by George Oppenheimer and Finley Peter Dunne, Jr. The plot revolves about the efforts of "old grads" to recapture, during Homecoming Week at a large university, the idealism and excitement of their school days. A strong note of romantic interest is added by the wife of a professor, who endeavours to reawaken the dormant love of her husband's best friend. Promised highlights in "We Went to College" include a football game, with emphasis on the not-always-passive spectators, fraternity dances, a varsity play, an alumni party, with the old grads dressed in hilarious costumes; a huge stag party, and other typical campus spectacles.

"They Met in a Taxi"

Few films ever capture the glowing good humour and romantic charm which sparkle in Columbia's "They Met in a Taxi," a sprightly, farcical comedy-romance which is the best seen in recent months. It is showing to-day at the Alhambra Theatre. The screen play is based on a delightful Saturday Evening Post story by Octavus Roy Cohen, and was skillfully adapted to the movie medium by Howard J. Green, under the direction of Alfred E. Green. Gay, glibly and filled with down-to-earth romance and comedy, "They met in a Taxi" owes much of its genuine appeal to the superb performances contributed by its four-star cast, Chester Morris, Fay Wray, Lionel Stander and Raymond Walburn. The performances of the principals lend a freshness and charm to the robust, affectional comedy drama. They are ably supported with full flavour of characterizations by Ward Bond, Kenneth Harlan and Edward Le Saint in supporting roles. Don't miss "They Met in a Taxi"; it's a really "elegant" entertainment for every member of the family!

"Evensong"

Another glittering Gaumont-British offering is "Evensong," now at the Star Theatre, which presents Evelyn Laye as a prima donna of world-wide renown. The delightful musical drama is based on the play by Edward Knoblock and Beverley Nichols, and adapted from the latter's novel. Victor Saville directed and has demonstrated that Evelyn Laye is a great screen artist and a vocalist of ability. Whether singing or acting, Evelyn Laye achieves great success. Her beautiful voice entrances from the opening scene right through the hey-day of her career, and the poignancy of her grief when she realises that her day has passed is wonderfully expressed. The sincerity of his purpose in maintaining by firm methods, and at all costs, the prominence of his charge before the music-loving public, is magnificently played by Fritz Kortner. Conchita Supervin, as Baba, sings in her wonderful voice, a voice of rare range, perfect phrasing and careful singing. There are also in the cast Alice Delysia, "Madame Valmond"; Carl Esmond, "Archduke Theodore"; Evelyn Williams, "George Murray"; Muriel Aker, "Tremblay"; Dennis Val Norton, "Sovino"; Arthur Sinclair, "Pa McNeil"; Patrick O'More, "Bob McNeil"; and Browning Mumery, solo tenor.

"Next Time We Love"

"Next time we love," which opened at the Majestic Theatre yesterday, is the portrayal of a woman's emotional life. Margaret Sullivan, star of the Universal production, contributes a performance which adds further proof that she belongs in the front rank of filmdom. Margaret portrays the role of a wife who pursues her stage and screen career, while her husband runs down "big news" in foreign countries. Marriage, to the wife, seems to be continually bidding goodbye and waving hello until her husband's friend shows that he loves her. But the friend is a squire, decent fellow. The situations are tense with the wife's loneliness and the friend's tender longing. Notable acting is contributed by James Stewart as the husband; Ray Milland as the other man; Grant Mitchell as a theatrical producer; Robert McWade as the newspaper editor; Anna Demetrio and Little Ronnie Cosby play appealing roles.

"Ceiling Zero"

One of the greatest romances of the "Ceiling Zero," will be presented at the Oriental Theatre on Friday and Saturday with James Cagney and Pat O'Brien in the stellar roles. Based on the Broadway stage hit by Lieut. Commander Frank Wead, the play is crammed with thrills, laughter and love. It concerns the daredevil exploits of three war buddies who have joined the commercial flying forces, to carry mail and passengers in the face of death. Not that they considered their work particularly hazardous, but these pilots frequently flirted with life and death against the orders of their superiors. For the first time in air pictures, the kee-wee or ground man also gets an inning in the romance of the aviation field, and the extreme precautions to guard the safety of the planes by watching the weather maps and warning the flyers constantly by radio, is dramatized. Others in the cast include Barton MacLane, Isabel Jewell, Craig Reynolds, Richard

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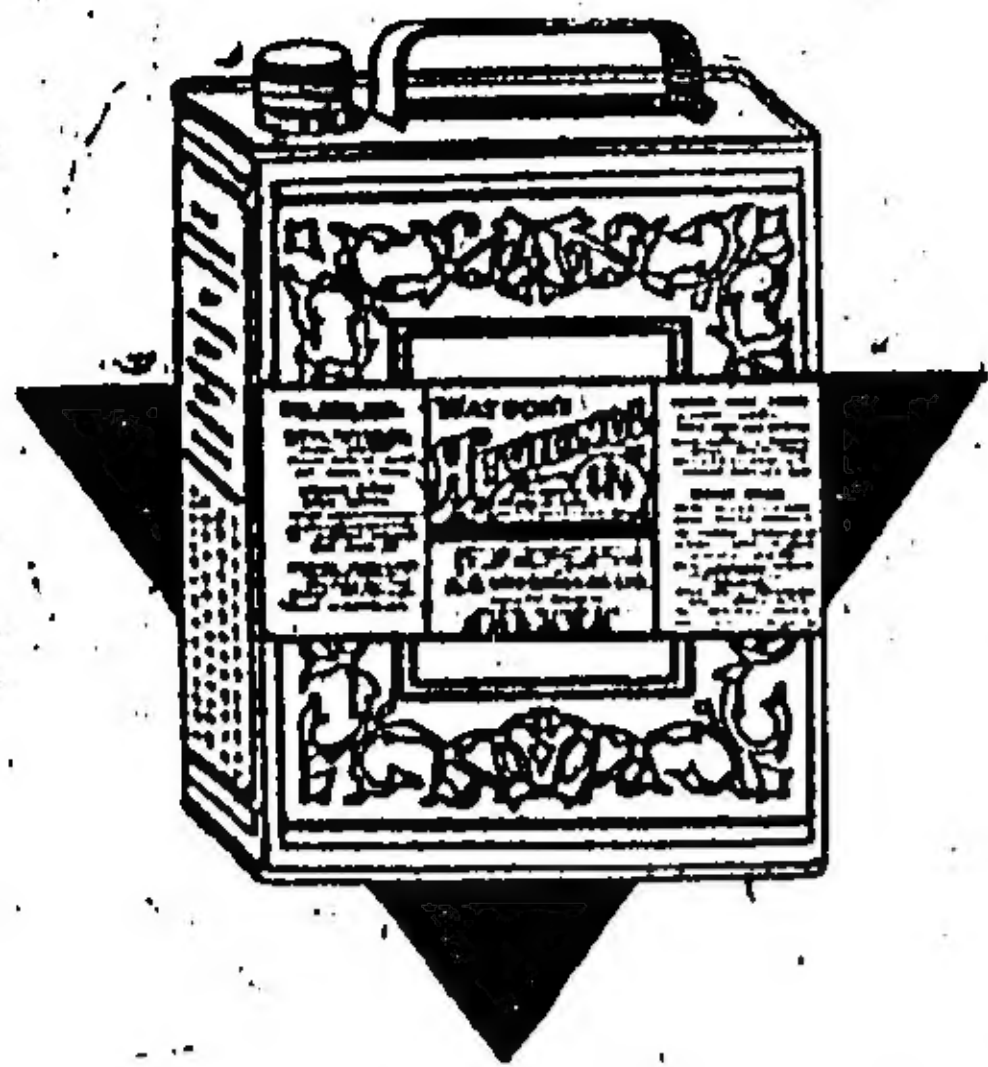
- (1) Have I fully appreciated the nature of the Memorial, which is that the thank-offerings of those who prospered under the late reign will be devoted to the recreation of poor people in crowded areas; so that Hongkong's monument to King George will not be a lifeless statue of him but a living and permanent realisation of his desire for the health and happiness of his poorest subjects?
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BRITISH LABOUR CONDITIONS

Recent information regarding the conditions of British labour demonstrates two outstanding and important facts. During the past few years there have been few industrial disputes, while wages in many industries have shown appreciable increases. No doubt both factors are due to the steady improvement in trade and industry, though it might be argued that the second condition is in some measure due to the first. The absence of friction between employers and employed has given general confidence in the industrial position, and both sides have reaped the benefit. There is every prospect that the year now closing will prove the best for wage-increases since the immediate post-war boom period which ended in 1920. During the first eight months of the year there was a net increase of \$362,000 a week in the wages of 3,250,000 persons. The annual value of this increase in purchasing power is about £18,100,000. If this state of affairs is maintained, there will have been three successive years of increases. Since the war the changes have followed irregular cycles. According to Ministry of Labour statistics, increases in wages were shown in 1919, 1920, 1924 and 1926. The year from 1927 to 1933, inclusive, were bad years for wages. Since then there have been regular increases. The last really good wage year was 1924, when net wage increases had an annual value of £27,650,000. If the last third of this year maintains the position of the other two-thirds, the annual value of increases will total £27,150,000, nearly as much as in 1924. Gratifying as these figures are, the stark fact remains that there are still many regions in which the jobless find it difficult to keep body and soul together. This is notably true of South Wales, where public attention has again been directed to the lot of the people by the recent tour of His Majesty through the distressed areas. King Edward showed a very real sympathy with those who have been so long without work, and his remarks that "Something must be done to find work for willing hands," and "Now we must see what we can do" may be taken to indicate that a special effort will be made on behalf of a section of the community which has suffered long, and through all its trials, has remained loyal and law-abiding.

SOMETHING has happened to jazz. A thing called swing. A year ago only initiates had heard of the word. Now there are a hundred and ten swing clubs in the country, totalling well over 10,000 members.

The biggest club is London No. 1; the keenest, Dundee. Members meet of an evening, talk about their heroes and play their records.

There are sixteen clubs in London and the suburbs alone. Clubs throughout the country are welded together by a central organisation known as the British Rhythm Club Federation. Members (maybe we should call them delegates) from clubs come up to town for big swing "dos."

THE peak of British Rhythm Club Federation activity is reached with highbrow Sunday concerts of jazz. They had one at the Grotto Hall, you remember. Since then, men like Larry Adler and Reginald Foresythe have drawn the faith by their Sabbath interpretations.

Around the country, though, proceedings are heartier and less formal. Rhythm clubs meet and have nice homey debates on Straight Jazz versus Swing.

Then a member will play a programme of records. And maybe the evening will be topped off with "hot renderings of old favourites" by local five, six, or seven-piece combinations. Amateurs all.

Their idea of a gala night is to attract a professional musician from one of the big London bands—to give a lecture on technique. The man becomes the lion of the evening.

It is surprising, though, the number of effective local amateur jazz combinations there are. Twice as many as a year ago. The men, maybe, are bank clerks, accountants, bus drivers. Only a small proportion have the fatal ambition to be a professional. For most, swing is their hobby.

PROBABLY you've never heard of many of their heroes—men like Fats Waller, Wingy Mannone, Louis Prima, Jack Teagarden. They are the new kings of jazz.

Trouble is, nobody can define swing.

It's just a sensation. It makes your diaphragm curl and your head snap back. It's a peak of emotion. It makes you punch

Work it out for yourself

Young George was walking in his garden when he narrowly escaped sudden death from a grandfather clock thrown overboard by a passing ship. On examining it he found it had stopped—at ten o'clock.

To steady his shaken nerves he went inside and tried to read. He picked up an encyclopedia at random, which told him that owing to cooling the earth keeps on shrinking. After many centuries its diameter will have shrunk by a mile. George began to work out what difference this will make to its circumference. Do you know?

Just as George found out, the radio announced that an airship, finding itself in difficulties at a height of 10,000 feet, had lightened ship by dropping a grandfather clock vertically overboard at exactly—at exactly—what time?

If you don't know, see Column Four.



SWING!



• out of Ragtime came Jazz: and out of Jazz has come— "Swing," fans call it

drunk and slap happy. No, this isn't getting us anywhere. We must try to describe this strange music.

There's a man with a wooden leg coming fast down a dark street. Stop and shuffle; stop and shuffle. That's the rhythm. Suddenly a trumpet flares: like a baby waking in the night with a pin in its tummy—bless its little tummy. The yell gradually turns to a lilt.

Then a voice starts gabbling, like a voice in the ear after a hot lobster supper. Menacing, insistent, never finishing a sentence. And all the time a piano keeps going quietly, like the noise from a honky-tonk on the ear of a tired reveller trying to go home.

Sounds crazy? It is crazy. And significant.

Buy a record to-day. But Fats Waller playing: "I'm gonna sit me down and write myself a letter." Listen carefully, and if you are lucky you may discern a sound basis of sincerity in the music. That is what jazz has always lacked.

SWING has made a knight's move in chess. Two jumps back and one to the side. A jump over the Teagarden trombonists. Gene Krupa is of men like Ambrose (though Ambrose can swing, too); again over the noisy, irritable jiggling of early jazz (the Oom-Pah school); and a jump to the side into the swamps of Louisiana.

Swing goes right back to first principles of negro music. A great artist never plays the same tune twice alike. He takes the basic melody and improvises. The more he wanders the greater the emotional effect.

I met a man yesterday who is one of the new kings of swing. A quiet-voiced young negro called Benny Carter. Experts rank him up among the first ten exponents of the sax, the clarinet, and trumpet in the world. Benny puts it this way:—

"If you don't feel it, Mr. master—a young, slight negro Holt, it isn't swing. You see, called Theodore (Teddy) Wilson, you get half-a-dozen of the boys His touch is incredibly light for

the terrific swing he produces; he plays modern jazz in the Mozartian manner.

Wilson is twenty-three. He was educated at the vast coloured Tuskegee University in Alabama. Both his parents are teachers there.

Two more. You wouldn't think Rachmaninoff would care for swing? He goes to the Central Park Casino, New York, to listen to Eddie Duchin, who goes to Chicago's Grand Terrace Cafe to study Earl Hines.

MORE men the rhythm fans talk about.

There's Bud Freeman, saxophonist, and Jack Lacey on the trombone, and Johnny Hodges, who is Duke Ellington's head sax man... we hadn't mentioned Duke.

He is not reckoned in the first flight of performers, but stands alone as a composer of swing music. He represents the quiet, reflective mood of the cult, with pieces like "Sophisticated Lady" and "Mood Indigo." Two years ago the only way they could get the classic "Mood Indigo" on the recording market was by calling it "Dreamy Blues" and hoping for the best. Now publishers would give their eyeballs for one like it.

THE birth and the growth of modern swing music makes good reading. This is our theory.

Around about the end of the war dance fans used to shuffle at the Hammermith-Palais-de-Dance and at Rector's Club in London to a combination known as the Original Dixieland Band.

They were the first swing artists. The leader of the band (Le Rocca) wrote "Tiger Rag." The Tiger is the national anthem of swing. Like "The Blue Danube" and the Barcarolle from "Tales of Hoffmann," it will never die. The men who wrote that tune have split up since. A fortnight ago I heard there was talk of reforming the band, with the original members. Le Rocca now lives at his ease in New Orleans.

These men may still be world-famous. It would not be hard to make out a case to prove that by writing this crazy tune they founded the basis of an age's dance music, just as Strauss did.

IT is possible that the intrepid reader, having reached this point, may be thinking that a good deal of the above is special pleading. But we have a fact up our sleeve.

One firm, who turned out shilling and sixpenny records, recently decided on a revolution in policy. They bought from America matrices of swing recordings and decided to put them out at half a crown.

The first record they issued (it was Benny Carter's "Nightfall") sold 5,000 copies in a week.

That's business.

Paul-Holt

Worked out for you

The earth's circumference will have shrunk by three and one-seventh miles; because the circumference of a circle always equals its diameter multiplied by three and a seventh.

The time was still exactly 10 o'clock. The support of the clock's pendulum fell with the same acceleration as the bob, so that the pendulum no longer moved, and the clock stopped.

Four Hongkong Artists

A PAINTER WHO READS WHAT HE SEES
II: YEE BON & WONG SIU-LING

BY E. M. BARRETT
YEE BON and Wong Siu-ling do not present such a violent contrast as Luis Chan and Lee Byng, but the contrast is there. Yee Bon who held an exhibition, with Lee Byng, recently in Gloucester Building, also received his training in the Ontario College of Art and at a very early age found recognition in the form of scholarships, prizes and admittance to important exhibitions.

Wong Siu-ling, on the other hand, whose exhibition was held last week in the Hotel Cecil, is entirely self-taught.

Luis Chan stands isolated as much by his own will as by the force and virility of his work, Lee Byng by the intellectual quality of his, Yee Bon by his accomplishment, and Wong Siu-ling by a quality which he alone of the four appears to possess, that of appraising what he does at its real value.

This was the real contrast between Mr. Wong Siu-ling's exhibition and those given by the other three young men. Mr. Wong hung his pictures so that the best were given prominence, the less successful in less favourable places. In the other exhibitions good elbowed bad, and, sometimes, because the good was less immediately compelling to the eye, was overshadowed by it.

Mr. Wong Siu-ling is self-taught, but Whistler's comment made of another artist who made the same claim: "Yes and by his hand a very bad master" does not apply. While Mr. Wong's "master" remains his severest critic he is sure to make steady progress.

There is another point of contrast between Yee Bon and Wong Siu-ling which it is difficult to express in words.

Both are Chinese, both are working in the Western style. Yee Bon has had his training in a famous art school in Canada, Wong Siu-ling has studied from books and from the paintings of other people which he has been able to see here in Hongkong, in Malaya and in China. Yee Bon for all his accomplishment is still mentally an art student. Wong Siu-ling is a student. Yee Bon, despite his birth and the centuries of tradition behind him, looks, as he paints, with Western eyes, his own personality and his racial instincts colour what he does and sees, but the basis of his observation is Western not Chinese. Mr. Wong Siu-ling is a Chinese artist studying and practising the art of the West. I do not know if he has any aptitude for painting in the Chinese style, if he started from that and then turned to the Western manner, but it seems evident that the mind behind the eyes which observe form and colour and set them down in the Western style, is Chinese.

The Chinese expression is, I believe, to read a picture, not to look at it. Mr. Wong Siu-ling, confronted with a landscape or a harbour scene, is not, one feels, swept away on a tide of desire to express the impression of the moment, but sets himself to "read" what he sees—to pick out from it its meaning, and in particular its meaning to him, and to set down that meaning as clearly and as plainly as he can on paper or canvas. Here is a young man for whom one would have no fear if circumstances enabled him to go to Europe, or Canada, for a serious training. He might not progress very much further, but nothing could take from him what he has already.

Mr. Yee Bon may be a genius or he may be one of those gifts that flare up and die down. His range of variety of styles and the main impression created by his recent exhibition was one of bewilderment.

There were two or three pictures that have already been exhibited in Canada in the National Gallery there, that were suave, careful and admirably controlled in composition, colour and technique; hanging near one of them was an oleaginous effort that should never have seen the light of day. There were delicate and charming flower studies, and bold and haunting ones painted with a little impulse beyond a desire to splash and riot in colour. There were sensitive and carefully painted portraits, and studies of a brutal ruthlessness in pose and colour. There were landscapes through every style to a glittering cornfield topped with a full sun, the whole worked in bold pointillist manner, and between the two, strong and sensitive scenes of the countryside of his native land. Most



WONG SIU-LING

Algebraist Ends 170-Year Mathematics Headache; Every Whole Number Is Sum of 9 or Fewer Cubes

Chicago, Dec. 4. When an 18th Century English mathematician started whittling simple numbers into incomprehensible shavings, he probably didn't know he was starting a 170-year mathematician's headache.

That headache, arising out of futile attempts to prove "Lagrange's theorem"—continued until 1936—until Prof. Leonard E. Dickson, University of Chicago algebraist, walked into a conference of internationally-known savants at Harvard University, sheets of figure-covered foolscap in hand, to announce proved validity of the proposition.

The theorem, first considered by Edward Waring, Cambridge University mathematician, starts out disarmingly enough, but winds up in an Einsteinian climax, with sliced fractions that dart out of the mathematician's mental grasp.

Theorem Set Forth
The theorem: Every whole number (1, 2, 3, 4, 5 etc.) is the sum of nine or fewer positive cubes (such as 1, 8, 27, 64, etc.). Every whole number is the sum of 19 or fewer fourth powers. Every whole number is the sum of 37 or fewer fifth powers.

Waring contended that this type of series could be extended indefinitely, and that numbers involved likewise could be pushed forward to infinity.

Dr. Dickson has proved the Waring theorem for the seventh, eighth and ninth powers, and has advanced proof for the theory that the series can be extended for all "exponents" higher than these.

High Mental Exercise
"Standouts" among Dr. Dickson's findings that ring with a familiar sound to the trained student of mathematics, but sound hollow to the untutored are these:

Every whole number is the sum of 143 or fewer seventh powers.
Every whole number is the sum of 279 or fewer eighth powers.
Every whole number is the sum of 548 or fewer ninth powers.

Dr. Dickson agrees that explanations get out of hand when the numbers involved advance to baffling fractions. When this situation arises, mathematicians resort to the use of "log-log" symbols to convey the meaning. Inconceivable numbers, such as "the four hundredth power

arresting and astonishing of all were two big canvases done in the Slicker manner, one of which he called "The Sew Amah" and the other "Street Scene". Painted with freedom of technique, yet with the utmost restraint in colour and modelling, these two pictures had they stood alone would have been sufficient to convince one of his genius, to make one say: "It is intolerable that a man who can paint like that should be left in Hongkong where he will, as things are at present, get so little chance or encouragement."

If Yee Bon goes on, if his art grows as one feels that it must if he is given the help and encouragement of which he stands in need, these two pictures will be among those for which he will be remembered.

Hongkong has something to be proud of in having these four young men, Luis Chan, Lee Byng, Yee Bon and Wong Siu-ling as citizens. Any one of them may bring the Colony added honour, all of them have already contributed much which is valuable. If the Art School which has been already born in the minds of the group known as the Hongkong Working Artists Guild, becomes a reality, these four young men, who have all some experience of teaching, will be invaluable to it. Chinese themselves, with an understanding of Chinese art, but practising successfully in the Western style, they will be able to teach the art of either country to students from the other.

of the tenth power of ten," are all a part of the proving device.

Findings Put in Formula
To "simplify" his explanation, Dr. Dickson has reduced his findings to a formula, as follows:

"If N stands for 2, 3, 4, etc., in the case of squares, cubes, fourth powers, etc., then every whole number is the sum of 2N minus 2 plus (3/2) Nth powers, where only the whole number part of the resulting figure is kept, and the decimal is discarded."

And after his explanation has left his audience bewildered, Dr. Dickson says that although some doubt the "reality" of numbers, "They're real enough to me."

When Carson Was Told To "Sack The Admirals"

THE third and concluding volume of Mr. Ian Colvin's brilliant *Life of Lord Carson* (Collins, 16s.), is an immensely valuable contribution to the political history of the war period and succeeding years.

The most controversial chapters contain a striking reply to Mr. Lloyd George's accusation that the Admiralty, during Carson's term of office as First Lord, was stubbornly obstructive towards the convoy system.

Mr. Colvin quotes a statement by the United States Admiral Sims that until the entry of the United States into the war the British Navy was insufficiently equipped with destroyers to guard both the Fleet and merchant shipping.

Within a month of the United States' declaration of war on Germany the Admiralty introduced convoy from Gibraltar.

BRUSH WITH JELICOE
It is clear that as First Lord Carson refused to "jam" with the Admiralty, though urged by Mr. Lloyd George on one occasion to "sack the lot."

Carson stated later that the Prime Minister "was so rude to Admiral Jellicoe that the First Sea Lord came to me several times and pressed me to accept his resignation."

The Prime Minister, indeed, was accustomed to boast that he had his own sources of information from the Admiralty, and it was discovered that some of his secretaries were in the habit of going down to the canteen in the Admiralty basement, where the Second Division clerks had their luncheon, and gathering there for the delectation of their chief information, more surprising than authoritative of what went on upstairs.

Little wonder if with such encouragement little-little grew until the First Lord issued an order that if officers were found to be gossiping about the affairs of the Admiralty he would take a serious view of their conduct.

EVE OF WAR MEETING

When Carson had been relegated from the Admiralty and given a seat in the War Cabinet, there was another brush between Mr. Lloyd George and Admiral Jellicoe over the former's desire to change the Chief of Naval War Staff.

"You will obey orders like any midshipman," said the Prime Minister angrily.

"You don't know what you are talking about," Sir John Jellicoe retorted. "I cannot be compelled to

SOLVING THE "ROAR" IN 'PLANES

PROBLEM OF SPEED WITH SILENCE

The high speed aeroplane which is also silent, dream of countless inventors since the beginning of aviation, may never be realised. Recent investigations have shown that at the very high speeds likely to be attained by military aeroplanes during the next ten years, the problem of silencing may be entirely changed.

"Aerodynamic roar" may predominate and the silencing of the engine exhaust may have little effect in diminishing the sound made by the machine when it is moving fast. The actual shapes, such as those of the wings and the fuselage, will be the sources of sound, and the very fact that they are deflecting the air in the performance of their functions implies that silencing will be impossible.

Little is known as yet about the kind of noise made by the air when it flows past an aerodynamic shape; but it has long been recognised that one of the chief sources of noise in the relatively low speed aeroplanes of the past has been the aircrew. If the blades are moving at high speed, no means has yet been devised for silencing them. Reductions in noise have all been the outcome of employing aircrews with a greater number of blades or of larger diameter and running them at much lower speeds.

AIRCREW NOISE
The Handley Page four-engined bombers used by Imperial Airways represented a large step in noise reduction. In these the aircrew noise was tackled by using relatively slow running airscrews and by putting them all in a plane away from the passenger cabins.

Recently in America an attempt has been made to produce a silent airscrew by employing a slot along the leading edge; but scientists in this country are doubtful if any great improvement in silence will be secured by this means though it may have other advantages.

Engine exhaust silencing can be very effective now provided that sufficiently heavy silencers are carried. In this it is a matter of balancing the advantages of reduced pay (or bomb) load.

join the new Board if I think the conditions dangerous to the Service."

The Prime Minister waived his demand. Carson had a great and often decisive influence on events. He was with other Conservative leaders a guest at Wargrave Hall on August 1, 1914, when the present Lord Lloyd, then young back-bencher, came down to urge Mr. Bonar Law's immediate return to London.

Mr. George Lloyd (as he then was) had come to the conclusion that Britain did not intend to stand by France and Russia, and his fears were increased by talks with his friends at the French Embassy. With a number of other Conservatives he set on foot urgent measures to bring the leaders of the party together—the result being the historic letter from Bonar Law and Lord Lansdowne to Asquith, pledging the Conservative Party's support.

KITCHENER RATTLED

In 1915 Carson entered the Asquith Coalition Cabinet as Attorney-General. Mr. Colvin gives a vivid glimpse of Lord Kitchener, shaken by bad news from France.

Standing at a window of the Cabinet room, he was muttering, "Johnnie French is losing the war every day..."

"But, if French is doing badly, you should appoint another Commander-in-Chief," Carson insisted. "I know, but I cannot think of one," Kitchener replied.

"They expect too much of me, these fellows," he whispered to Carson one day at the Cabinet table. "I don't know Europe; I don't know England; and I don't know the British Army."

"EVANS OF THE BROKE" WINS IN UNIVERSITY POLL FOR RECTOR

"Evans of the Broke"—Admiral Sir Edward R. G. R. Evans—was recently elected Lord Rector of Aberdeen University. He had a majority in three of the four "nations" into which the students are traditionally divided for voting purposes.

The unsuccessful candidates were Sir Josiah Stamp, Sir Alexander

RADIO BROADCAST

Children's Concert From The Studio
DANCE MUSIC

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 k.c.s.), 31.40 metres (0.52 megacycles).
12.30 p.m. Grand Opera.
1 p.m. Time and Weather.
1.03 p.m. Cinema Organ Solos by Sydney Gustard.
1.20 p.m. Three Songs by Alfred Pleavey (Tenor).
1.30 p.m. Reuter Press, Rugby Press, Time, Weather and Announcements.
1.40 p.m. Debroy Somers Band.
2 p.m. Vocal Gems.
2.15 p.m. Close Down.
5 p.m. A Relay of Dance Music from the Roof-Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.
6 p.m. From the Studio.

A Children's Concert.
6.30 p.m. Jazz Piano Medley by Vivian Ellis.
"Let me play"—Selection; "Top Hat"—Selection.
6.45 p.m. A Light Concert.
Violin Solos—Chanson Arabe (Rimsky-Korsakov); Le Deluge (Saint-Saens); Toscha Seidel; Songs—A song of thanksgiving (Allisten), Sweet and low (Humbly)... Esie Ackland (Contralto); Songs—Sweetly she sleeps, my Alice fair (Foster), Jeanie with the light brown hair (Foster)... John McCormack (Tenor); Cello Solo—Dimanche de Paques sur la mer (Dupont)... Maurice Marechal; Song—Edward (Corder and Loewe)... Norman Allen (Bass).
7.15 p.m. "Cinderella," a Fantasy by Eric Coates, played by the Composer and Symphony Orchestra.
7.30 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m. The Hill Billies.
Rolling down the Hilly-Billy Trail; Little Mountain Cabin; Twilight on the Trail.
7.45 p.m. Cab Calloway and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Chinese Rhythm; Weakness: Are you in love with me again? When you're smiling.
8 p.m. Time, Weather and Announcements.
8.05 p.m. From the Studio.
A Chinese Concert.
11 p.m. Close Down.

8.05-11 p.m. European programme from Z.E.K. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles.
8.05 p.m. Light Orchestral Music.

"Indian Love Lyrics" (Woodford and Finden, arr. Mikulicz); "Monckton Melodies" (Stanford Robinson); "When Day is Done" (De Sylva, arr. Katscher); "Manhattan Serenade" (Alter); "Lane Wilson Melodies" (Alter); "Hiawatha"—The Death of Minnehaha (Coleridge-Taylor).

9 p.m. London—News and Announcements.
9.20 p.m. Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 10, played by Ania Dorfmann (Pianoforte).
9.30 p.m. Waltzes by the Orchestra Mascotte.

Twinkling Lights (Carl Zeller, arr. Hohné); The last letter (Riggov); Amorette (Gungl, arr. Hohné); Over the waves (Ross, arr. Hohné); Souvenir de Mona Lisa (Schubert).
9.45 p.m. A Ballad Recital by Percy Hemling (Baritone).

Hallé's Bells (Easthope Martin); Chorus, Gentlemen (Loehr); "Songs of the Fair" (Easthope Martin); (a) Jock the Fiddler, (b) The Ballad-Monger, (c) Fairings, (d) Come to the Fair.

10 p.m. London—Big Ben.
Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
A Garden of Illusion (Pelay, arr. Canaro); The Tango of the "Mala" (Pelay, arr. Canaro); Amigazo-Tango (J. de Dios Filiberto); Clavelito-Tango (Canaro).
10.30 p.m. Variety and Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—A star fell out of Heaven; Vocal—(a) Underneath the old Pine Tree, (b) The trail of the Lonesome Pine... The Rocky Mountaineers; Fox-Trot—Did I remember; Instrumental—Many happy returns of the day... Eddie Peabody; Fox-Trot—Drummer goes to Town; Song—My heart and I... Evie Hayes (Contralto); Vocal—I don't want to make history; Instrumental—Some of these days... Eddie Peabody; Slow Waltz—At the close of a long, long day; Humorous—Another bedtime story—Cinderella... Wish Wynne (Comedienne); Vocal—(a) Oh Susanah, (b) We'll rest at the end of the trail... The Rocky Mountaineers; Fox-Trot—A rendezvous with a dream; Guitar—Le Regiment qui passe... Mario Maccaferri; Vocal—Kiss me good-night... Leslie Hutchinson.
11 p.m. Close Down.

DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES.

The following wave-length and frequencies are observed by Daventry.

Sign	Frequency	Wave-length
GBA	4,500 k.c.	66.7 metres
GHR	9,510 k.c.	31.55 metres
GRC	9,880 k.c.	30.26 metres
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GRE	11,860 k.c.	25.25 metres
GSP	12,140 k.c.	24.69 metres
GSC	12,700 k.c.	23.53 metres
GSI	21,470 k.c.	13.97 metres
GSD	21,540 k.c.	13.95 metres

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RIBBED SOCKS

KOWLOON CHINESE APPEAL: JUDGMENT RESERVED

BOARD SITS TWO HOURS

Verdict Later To-day

The Appeals Board of the Hongkong Football Association, which met last night to consider the appeal of the Kowloon Chinese Football Club against the suspension of the first eleven from further participation this season in the Senior Shield, and the additional suspension for stated periods from all local football, of Chan Hong-kong, Mak Sui-hon and Sui Tim-lin, did not issue a statement as to their decision last night, but reserved judgment.

I was officially informed this morning that a written judgment will be issued in due course, probably late to-day, but that at the moment it is not known whether the appeal was upheld or dismissed.

The Board, comprising the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. T. A. Mitchell, and Comdr. C. D. Arbuthnot, sat for two hours sifting the evidence.

They studied in detail the findings of the Emergency Committee and also received from Mr. Chan Hong-kong, secretary of the Kowloon Chinese F.C., a full written statement which was based on the club's appeal.

The case arose out of the playing of a Senior Shield match between Kowloon Chinese and the Club, which game had to be abandoned shortly after half time owing to the Kowloon Chinese objecting to the awarding of a penalty to the Club, and refusing to continue to play.

When the matter was brought before the Emergency Sub-Committee it was decided to suspend the Kowloon Chinese first eleven from further participation this season in the Senior Shield, while Chan Hong-kong was suspended from further football for the rest of the season, Mak Sui-hon was suspended for two months and Sui Tim-lin suspended for three months.

VARSITY FOOTBALL IN FOG

London, Dec. 9. Oxford and Cambridge drew one-all in the annual inter-varsity soccer match at Highbury to-day.

Only a few hundred enthusiasts braved the discouraging elements and saw a poor game played in foggy weather.

The match was featured for its vigour, but very little skill. Cambridge deservedly led one-all at half time and should have won the match. But the Cantabs fumbled the ball to allow Oxford to equalize.—Reuter.



G. O. B. Allen, the English Test captain, whose all-round brilliance played such a notable part in the victory of England at Brisbane.

Clubhouse Chatter

By "Veritas"

Hats Off To Allen And Voce

BUT AUSTRALIA HAD THE BAD BREAKS

G. O. Allen's selection as captain of the English Test team was always popular in the Mother country, but now that he has led his side to victory in the first match of the present series against Australia, and incidentally played a very notable part with bat and ball, his name will be whispered in tones of adulation—at least among schoolboys here-worshippers. The adult populace will regard his triumph with somewhat quieter satisfaction. For this match which finished yesterday was a very distinct personal triumph for Allen. It was his batting on Tuesday which allowed England to run up a respectable score after facing the prospects of a

complete collapse, and it was his bowling, admittedly aided by natural conditions, which broke the backbone of any sort of Australian resistance on the last day and brought victory to his team in the face of not a little pessimism.

Voce Ruins A Theory

SECOND in the list of honours comes William Voce, the man whom, with Harold Larwood in 1932-33 set the whole world of cricket ablaze with a new bowling theory, and made history which even now is bearing its reflection in the current series. Voce, I have heard it argued, could never be the same effective bowler on Australian wickets without his club colleague Larwood at the other end. Voce's reply to this was 4 for 41 in Australia's first knock, and 4 for 10 in the second; figures which compare very favourably with any of the great bowling performances which have gone down in history. Voce's 4 for 10 yesterday is not so very surprising when one realises how bad the wicket had become, but his 4 for 41 Monday was a performance in a class of its own. For the wicket was still reasonably good; certainly offering little advantage to a bowler of the Voce type except that it was fast.

Fine Fielding

BUT after giving due and unstinted praise to Allen and Voce it is still desirable to acknowledge the fine support they received in the field. While one recalls that Fingleton was given two "lives" in the course of his century, it is significant that there has been no mention of other fielding errors. In fact in the course of two innings the Englishmen made eleven catches, seven of these being in the first innings. This is sufficient testimony to the alert fielding of the whole team.

Adverse Circumstances

WHILE one is inclined to rejoice over the English success, one also feels more than a twinge of sympathy for the Australians, inasmuch that they had one or two relics of bad luck during the match. In the first place they lost the toss, and how vital that was has since been demonstrated. Then they were robbed of McCormick at a time when he was definitely upsetting the visitors with his fast stuff. Then they had to bat a fourth innings on a rain-damaged pitch, which had previously shown signs of crumbling after four days of play. These were all adverse circumstances, which, although consideration of them cannot rob the England team of the merit of a great achievement.—(Continued on Page 5.)

OUR WEEKLY HOCKEY FEATURE

POLICE HOCKEY PREDICAMENT

CAER CUP GAMES

SAINTS HAD HARD MATCH

Just Beat The Recreio

The Saints defeated the Recreio on the C.B.A. ground last Saturday by a lone goal scored by Miss P. Gittins during the second half of the game. They started in midfield and proved very even for the first ten minutes, when a good break through by Miss P. Gittins from the half way line culminated in her testing the Recreio goalie Miss Barros who defended in brilliant fashion. Several breakaways were made by both teams in turn but weak finishing and poor ball control due to the bumpy state of the ground spoilt many well organised attacks.

During this period of the game Miss C. Osmond full back for the Recreio ladies was seen to infringe the sticks rule thereby conceding several short-corners. Miss J. Wong on the other hand was a bit off colour and inclined to stray somewhat. The interval arrived with the score sheet blank.

On resumption most of the play for fifteen minutes was again confined to midfield, after which Miss F. Wong on receiving the ball took it well down the right wing and sent in a beautiful centre which Miss P. Gittins intercepted and beat Miss Barros with a hard drive giving her no chance whatever.

Play after this was very mediocre the game being definitely affected by the poor state of the ground and both defences proving shaky under pressure.

THE PLAYERS

The Recreio ladies were best served by Miss E. Xavier at centre-half and though Miss C. Silva did well she received poor support from her inside forwards. A few players were most prominent in the attack. For the Saints Miss G. White played a safe game and was well supported by her wing halves. Miss Humphreys in particular. Miss P. Gittins was the star forward and Miss F. Wong on the right-wing put in some excellent works. The Saints should have done better.

Champions Held To Draw By The "Y"

BOTH TEAMS IN SPLENDID FORM

This match from a hockey point of view was full of interest. It could be plainly seen that both teams were out to give of their best and I am sure nobody could say the match was either poor or dull.

The "Y" ladies started off in whirlwind fashion and for nearly 10 minutes had the C.B.A. defence bottled up. However, no damage was done, thanks to the excellent keeping of Miss F. Best in goal, who stopped three certainities. The C.B.A. then got going and a clever move on the left wing saw Miss Hunt go clean away to see her pass go begging across the goal mouth.

Play was then confined to the centre of the field, the intermediate lines of both teams showing up very well indeed. Seven minutes towards the end of the first half after a free hit by Mrs. Starbuck the "Y" centre-half, the ball travelled into the C.B.A. circle and Miss Peters in trying to make a clearance passed it to Miss M. Smith who was standing three yards from the C.B.A. goal—the latter made no mistake with this gift and scored with a fast shot.

This reverse made the champions sit up and Miss Hunt again got away on the left and made an attempt to score from a range of two yards but the goalie made an excellent save. From the rebound Mrs. Burton obtained possession but was cleverly robbed of a certain goal by Miss A. Fowler who just managed to get the ball away. Soon after this the "Y" ladies led by one goal to nil.

On resumption the C.B.A. adopted the one back game and this trap worked very effectively with the result that the "Y" attack was completely disorganised, their defence at the same time experiencing a great deal of pressure.

Midway through the second half Miss Blackmore the C.B.A. right-wing broke through to send in a well timed centre which Mrs. Burton accepted with no mistake with a first-timer which left the goalie standing. Finding themselves on level terms the "Y" ladies tried to change their tactics, positional changes in the attack were made but to no effect, beyond forcing one or two short corners they never looked like scoring and a

"The Pilgrim" On The

CIVILIANS OR SERVICES? POSITION IS A BIT VAGUE

In an interview with Sub-Inspector Tyler, Secretary of the Police Hockey team I was given to understand future are being recognised as a "Service Team."

It's rather strange that names of Police members were submitted to the Hongkong Hockey Association for the Civilian trials and six members of the Police team did participate in the trials, and J. Wall has also been selected to represent the Civilians in the final selection.

By forming the new Services Tournament I am afraid the Police have placed themselves in a strange predicament and seem to class themselves as Civilians or Services to suit their own convenience. It is about time they made up their minds as to what they are or what they want to be.

The Regular Services in Hongkong would probably solve the problem for them. What is the Hongkong Hockey Association going to do about this?

CIVILIAN TRIAL

TEAM SELECTED AFTER GAME

PRACTICE TO-DAY

The second Civilian Trial game took place on the Club ground last Sunday morning after which the final selection was made. A few players originally chosen failed to make an appearance but the reserves eventually filled the vacated positions.

For the first half of the game the Possibles defence proved too solid for the Probables attack which failed to score. On changing over after the interval, the Probables attack was switched over to the Possibles defence and the team as a whole combined effectively, four goals being scored in quick succession.

For the Possibles Wall (Police) and Fowler (C.B.A.) did well in the attack, whilst M. H. Hassan (Recreio)

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—Guy Campbell.

was outstanding in the intermediate line. Guest and E. L. Gosano were safe at back.

The Probables were best served by S. Fowler and Pyara Singh in the attack and T. Alves at left-half. Ramzan in goal gave a brilliant exhibition. The Possibles on both occasions scored a total of six goals.

The following players will represent the Civilians in their annual Hockey match against the Combined Services on Sunday, December 13.

B. H. Souza (Argonauts) A. E. P. Guest (Radio) E. L. Gosano (Argonauts) M. H. Hassan (Radio) W. A. Reed, Capt. (Club) J. G. Fowler (C.B.A.) Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.) J. Pinto (K.I.T.C.) V. Bond (Club) R. Xavier (Varsity) N. Whitley (Club) J. Wall (Police) A. P. Souza (K.I.T.C.)

A practice game against the Police 1st XI will be held at the P.I.S. ground Kowloon at 5.10 p.m. sharp this afternoon. The above mentioned players are requested to turn out.

draw was a true indication of a well contested game.

NOTABILITIES

Outstanding for the "Y" ladies were Mrs. Read at centre-forward, Miss O. Dalziel on the right-wing, Mrs. Starbuck at centre-half, and Miss George in goal who saved her side on three or four occasions. Miss Tonge at right-half gave a poor display, and allowed Miss Hunt too much rope.

For the C.B.A. Miss P. Woolley and Miss Walker at back gave a splendid performance. Miss L. Woolley at right-half was a terrible thorn in the side of the "Y" ladies. Miss O. Peters at centre-half, Miss Hunt and Mrs. Burton proved dangerous in the attack. Last but not least Miss F. Best in her old position between the sticks played a marvellous game. On the good as the "Y" ladies were on day's play the champions were on a better footing. I shall look forward to the return match.

FAREWELL TO TWO OFFICIALS

Farewell Cocktail Party

TO HOCKEY OFFICIALS

In view of the early departure from the Colony of two staunch and valued supporters of H.K. Hockey Association Majors M. H. A. Campbell O.B.E. and C. S. Beates, the former Vice-President of the Association and late Chairman of the Hockey Umpires Board and late Army Hockey Secretary, the suggestion has been made that the officials of the H.K.H.A. hold a cocktail party in honour of the gentlemen named to express in small measure appreciation of their services to local Hockey.

The party is to take place in the Peninsula Hotel at 7 p.m. on Tuesday next. Expenses will have to be borne equally by those officials, players and friends who attend and it is only on this understanding that participation is requested.

It is hoped that as many as possible will avail themselves of the opportunity thus presented of wishing them "Bon Voyage." Those who wish to be present please let the Hon. Secretary of the H.K.H.A. have their names not later than Monday next.

THIS WEEK'S CAER CUP MATCHES

THE PROSPECTS

This should be a needle game as both teams so far have been undefeated. The H.K. Ladies possess a better record as they have obtained the maximum number of points, whereas the "Y" have drawn two games.

The "Y" ladies, if they wish to lower the colours of the ex-champions, will have to put up a better exhibition than they did last Saturday.

On current form they are the only team capable of extending their opponent. I should like to see M. Smith at inside-right and S. Dalziel at inside-left, this should improve the attack.

The Hongkong Ladies have a stronger defence but I can see Miss Pope and Company called upon to give of their best as those "Y" youngsters in the forward line will take some stopping. The two best centre-halves in the colony Mrs. Starbuck and Miss Pope will be on view and a thrilling game is anticipated. I'm inclined to back the "Y" for a win.

The C.B.A. present champions should account for the Recreio Ladies on the P.T.S. ground at 2.45 p.m.

The D.G.S. should gather two further points at the expense of the H.K. Ladies at Happy Valley at 3 p.m. The C.B.A. and "Y" Ladies should share the spoils on the C.B.A. ground at 3 p.m.

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R. ABBIT DISCUSSES THE TEST

It Was A Great Win But England Must Not Get Too "Cocky"

(By R. Abbit)

I imagine that there has been no greater surprise for years in Hongkong than when yesterday morning, shortly before tiffin news came through that the Australian XI in its second innings had been dismissed for 58 runs. "I, myself, and several people to whom I spoke on the telephone could hardly credit it and were inclined to think that there must have been some error in the telegram, but on the confirmatory wires the glorious news was confirmed.

I will say at once that I have never had very much confidence in the bowling of the English side, though I have always admitted their batting strength. I based my opinions on the show which the All-India eleven—admittedly only about as strong as a fair first class county were able to put up in England last summer. It is quite clear from the result of this match that I had perhaps underrated the English bowling and hardly done justice to the English batting.

After the dreadful start we made, and with our great stand-by out for a duck, the fighting strength of the British batting was amply vindicated by their score of 358. Just credit goes to Barnett and Leyland, but there were several very useful little scores of twenty odd, and these with one man coming off bolster up a useful score, though in these days 358 is by no means a big score in played out Tests.

SUCCESSFUL BOWLING

One would like to know a great deal more about the wicket. It is stated to have been good on the first three days, and it was not until the Tuesday that there was any reference to its showing signs of wear. I myself am a bit doubtful of the absolute accuracy of these reports as I am by now convinced that, except when it really is appalling, critics are apt to describe a pitch as good.

If it did not begin to deteriorate upon the Monday then all I can say is that Australia have the devil of a tall, or that our bowling is better than I thought it was. Be it observed that three of the old hands—Fingleton, Bradman and McCabe all came off more or less in the first innings, but with these exceptions the other batsmen did nothing. Of them Chipperfield, O'Reilly and Oldfield have plenty of experience but the rest were new men.

The wicket may or may not have been getting worse but it should be noted that our own men did much worse than in the first knock and only a hard-hit Captain's knock by Allen relieved the danger of a most ignominious score. But, as things were, though we had a good position on Tuesday night and one enviously improved by the fact that we were to bowl Fingleton for a duck overnight, it was not a certainty until the rain came.

I am in no way depreciating the splendid play of our men, but before we become too cock-a-hoop over our "victory" there are one or two points we ought not to overlook. In the first place we won the toss and as it turned out the match with it, I take leave to doubt if our own side could have scored much more than 100 butting fourth. For on Tuesday the wicket was wearing and on Wednesday night rain fell, culminating with a sharp storm at 6 a.m. The conditions were such that any batting side, however strong, might have failed. Indeed they really to my mind the celebrated M.C.C. match in 1876, on a rain damaged wicket at Lord's.

Then again taking injuries we may fairly write off Brown's injury

against some of ours, but he will stiffen their batting enormously. Bradman's effectiveness was quite possibly due at any rate in some measure to the most efficient way in which Woodfull and Ponsford prepared the way for him. I don't mean to say that Bradman is not a magnificent batsman, but he very often inherited an innings when the back of the bowling had been, if not broken, at least a bit bent.

If Brown and Fingleton start big wicket stands we shall see if our bowling can deal with the inter-batsmen so easily. Besides this, one must remember that McCormick took our first three wickets for 26 runs in 8 overs and then to all intents and purposes took no further part in the game.

But of course the great factor was having to bat on a rain-damaged wicket on the Wednesday. It is however clear that Bradman's wrenched ankle had nothing to do with his blip, as he had previously sprinted 25 yards to catch Leyland. He was beaten by a fast one which popped up. Nor did the absence of McCormick from the batting list make a great difference—as happened on former occasions when Trumper and Jessop both were injured early on.

ALLEN'S MATCH

In a way the match might be termed Allen's Match for he scored 35 and 68 and took 8 wickets for 107 runs. Leyland with 126 and 33 distinguished himself with the bat and Voce who in all took 10 wickets for 57 runs was magnificent with the ball. Incidentally I presume it was an error of decoding—I suppose "expanding" is the right word—that made it appear that McCabe was run out in the first innings. If this was so and he was not caught by Barnett, Voce only got 5 wickets. But I imagine "C. Barnett" is correct.

THE FUTURE

And now what is going to happen? Allen is of a good wicket and he has no Selection Committee to make asses of themselves, and while I fully anticipate several changes in the Australian side I do not think that Allen will make more than one, Fingleton for Worthington. All knowledgeable cricketers with whom I have discussed the matter seem to agree that another left-hander would be useful against O'Reilly and Ward, while Worthington has had his chance and failed. This would also clear the way for Fagg to go in in his usual position as opening batsman.

I author the combination of Barnett and Fagg as an opening pair must have proved somewhat unsuccessful before in the tour for it is the obvious combination as both are regular opening batsmen for their counties.

ANOTHER FAST BOWLER?

Apart from this I rather expect to find the side unchanged unless there is a very fast hard wicket in prospect. If there is it is just possible that Allen may decide to play another fast bowler, if that is, he has one available. We do not know if Copson's strain is well again, or how the future.

BADMINTON

Kowloon Tong Beat St. John's

MIXED DOUBLES MATCH

Playing off their postponed mixed doubles badminton league match last night, Kowloon Tong defeated St. John's by seven games to two, this being the Tong's first win of the season in this division.

The introduction of Henry Kew into the team made a lot of difference, he and Mrs. A. E. Castro winning all three games.

Most of the games were evenly contested, but Kowloon Tong were good winners.

Detailed scores and amended league table following:

H. Kew and Mrs. A. E. H. Castro (Kowloon Tong) beat A. J. Bennett and Miss G. L. Dolg 21-7; beat David Kwok and Miss P. McCaw 21-10; beat G. A. Smith and Miss M. Smith 21-0.

E. E. Lee and Miss A. Xavier (Kowloon Tong) beat Bennett and Dolg 21-4; lost to Kwok and McCaw 10-21; beat Smith and Smith 21-12.

N. A. E. Mackay and Miss T. Gonzalez (Kowloon Tong) beat Bennett and Dolg 21-15; beat Kwok and McCaw 21-17; lost to Smith and Smith 14-21.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Recreo "A"	3	3	0	24	3	6
C.R.C.	1	0	8	1	2	2
Free Lancers	2	1	12	3	2	2
Recreo "B"	2	1	1	6	12	2
Kowloon Tong	3	1	2	10	17	2
St. John's	3	0	3	3	24	0
University	0	0	0	0	0	0

CORRESPONDENCE

Colony Interport Football Team

Sports Editor, Hongkong Telegraph

Sir,—Let us also beat anybody else by nominating our Interport football team against Shanghai next February.

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F. K. C.

Furness has been bowling—though I rather not very well. But if one of the two does come in I do not imagine it will be at the expense of Worthington and so of Fingleton. It would appear that either Verity or Robins would stand down and in view of Robins being the better bat and a magnificent field I imagine Verity would be rested. But this would only be in the event of every thing pointing to a hard true wicket and fine weather.

We shall see. But don't forget, (said he gloomily,) that Stoddart's team in 1897/98 and MacLaren's team in 1901/2 both won the first Test match and lost the remaining four. So let us thank the Fates for what they have given us and speak hopefully but not boastfully about the future.

TURF PROGRAMME

JANUARY MEETING OF MACAO CLUB

LADIES' EVENT

The programme for the January Race Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club, scheduled to take place on January 10 in Macao, appears below:

1st. Race, Nanchang Handicap. (First Section). For China Ponies classified by The Hongkong Jockey Club as "D" & "E" classes at date of entry and Subscription Ponies of this Club. Jockey allowance. One Mile.

2nd. Race, Wen Chang Handicap. For China Ponies, Subscription Ponies of this Club that have not won a race since September 1, 1936. Jockey allowance. Five Furlongs.

3rd. Race, Lok Chang Handicap. For China Ponies, Subscription Ponies of this Club. Winners of three or more races during 1936, barred. Jockey allowance. One Mile.

4th. Race, Nanchang Handicap. (Second Section). For China Ponies classified by The Hongkong Jockey Club as "D" & "E" classes at date of entry and Subscription Ponies of this Club. Jockey allowance. Six Furlongs.

5th. Race, Wuchang Handicap. For China Ponies, Subscription Ponies of this Club that have not won a race at race meetings of this Club since September 1, 1936. Winner at this meeting barred. Six Furlongs.

6th. Race, Ladies' Dash (Unofficial). A Cup will be presented to the Winning Rider. Souvenirs will also be presented to the 2nd and 3rd. Placed Riders. A Handicap for China Ponies, the bona fide property of the Hongkong Jockey Club. To be ridden by Members of the School. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Half a Mile.

Entries close on Tuesday, December 29.

CLUBHOUSE CHATTER

BY "VERITAS"

(Continued from Page 8.)

ment, do help to mitigate Australia's comparatively dismal showing. That Australia did put up a very dismal showing will not, I imagine, be contested by Australians generally. That was the most curious feature of the match. Everybody who cares to follow cricket and more particularly the respective Test teams, fully made up their minds that runs would be as cheap as dirt, and that it was almost impossible for either side to get out for less than 400 runs. Yet the highest single innings total was 358, and that by England who had prior lease of a perfect batsman's wicket. Australia's batting strength is, potentially, as great now as at any time in the history of Test cricket. Yet we find them dismissed for scores of 234 and 58 by a team whose one weakness was alleged to be bowling. But it is facts such as these which lend so much charm to the game, and probably there is no other competitive team sport which sends expert prognostications so much astray. No wonder they talk of the "glorious uncertainty of cricket!"

Australia Makes No Changes

THOSE who expected the Australian selection committee to fall into a panic over yesterday's result must feel sadly disappointed in the announcement that the same twelve players have been chosen for the second Test which starts on Friday week. This means that at the most there will be only one change in the actual eleven to figure in the match, and personally I am inclined to believe this one change will be made, and that W. A. Brown will be included. This alteration will be made at the expense of either C. L. Badcock or R. Robinson. Most followers of cricket will agree that the Australian selectors have acted wisely in refusing to be bamboozled into wholesale changes simply because of one defeat. Furthermore it is difficult to see quite how they could effect many alterations. It is genuinely believed that they have got together the absolute cream of Australian cricket as it is to-day. To throw out men like Badcock, Sievers, Robinson and Ward would simply mean that in their place would go either so-called "old stagers" or less experienced youngsters. The team which has done service during the past week at least merit another test. If it should fail next time then the selectors will be in duty bound to make experiments.

SPORT ADVTS.

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Entry forms for the forthcoming Championships are now being distributed.

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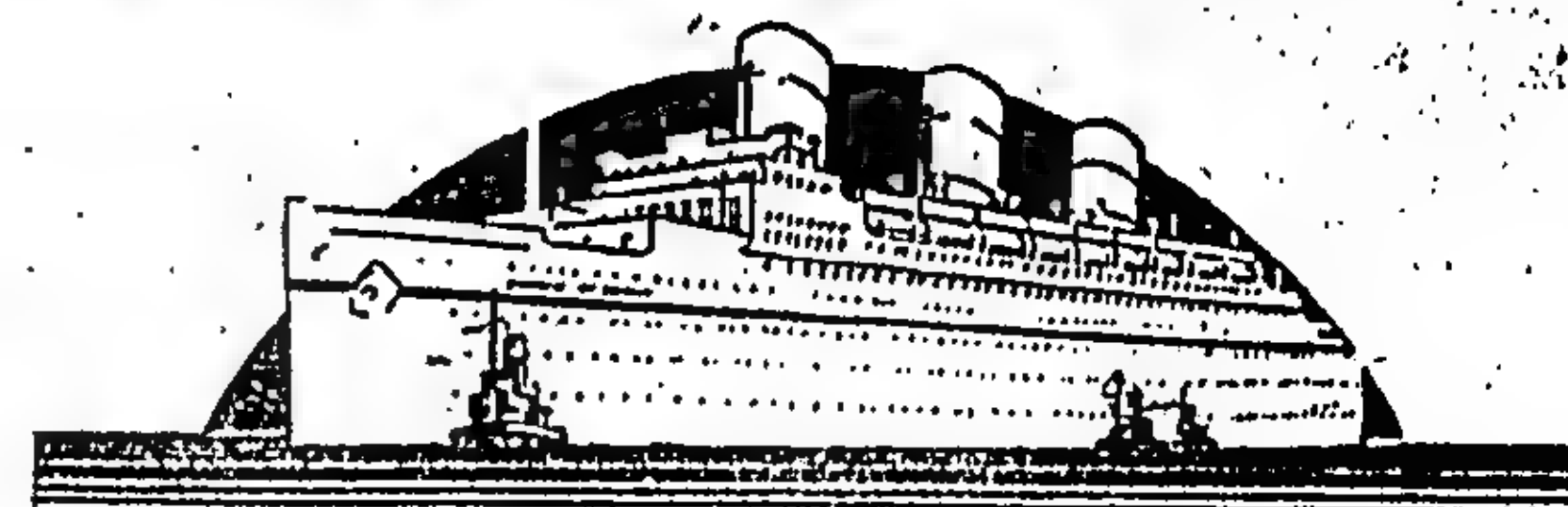
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'THE OTHER WOMAN' IN THE GRAVE

By CYRIL MARTIN

A DRAMATIC allegation that Mr. Albert Hadfield—who was acquitted at the Old Bailey last session on a charge of murdering a wealthy Twickenham widow—had buried in his wife's name a woman with whom he had been living was made at South Western Police Court recently.

The allegation was made by Hadfield's wife, Mrs. Julia Hadfield, of Culverden-road, Balham, S.W., while giving evidence during the hearing of a summons she had taken out against him for a variation of a maintenance order.

She stated: "I would like to know who is paying for the upkeep of a grave in Twickenham Cemetery for a woman who has been buried in my name."

THE CERTIFICATE

Hadfield, who because of his deafness was allowed to stand close to the witness-box, immediately interjected: "If necessary, I will be able to explain that in my evidence."

Although no further reference to the grave was made during the rest of the hearing, I learn that the woman buried as "Mrs. Hadfield" was Miss Mabel Lucy Hammond, daughter of a Tooting builder.

A death certificate, issued from Somerset House, gives her name as "Mabel Lucy Hadfield, of 14, Nelson-road, Wotton, Twickenham, wife of Albert Hadfield, confectioner."

The cause of death is certified as cerebral haemorrhage and further particulars state that "A. Hadfield, widower of the deceased, was in attendance."

Hadfield admitted to me after yesterday's court hearing that the "happiest years of his life had been spent with that dear woman who now lies in Twickenham Cemetery."

In these words he unfolded the story of his association with her:

"For close on 20 years we lived together as man and wife, but nobody knew our secret."

"My married life was not successful and I found in Miss Hammond a friend to whom I could turn. We became devoted to each other, and when I opened my little shop at Whiston some 15 years ago I took her out there as 'Mrs. Hadfield'."

"The birth of a daughter sealed our happiness, and she is now my only treasure in life. Throughout all these years I have kept the secret from my daughter... but now..."

Hadfield broke off, and burying his face in his hands, said with tears in his eyes: "Heaven knows what I have been through these last few months, and now for all this to happen..."

Later, Mrs. Hadfield, an elderly woman wearing very dark glasses to protect her falling eyesight and walking with the aid of a stick, told me: "When my husband and I parted I knew that my husband associated with Miss Hammond, but I never knew where they lived in recent years."

"Not Vindictive"

"I will remember my husband's daughter being born to Miss Hammond, but for the sake of my own daughter Cissie and my son, who died in the war, I kept the secret to myself."

"Often when Cissie was a child she used to meet her father with Miss Hammond's child, but she never realised that her own daddy was also the other little girl's daddy."

"Cissie knows now, but owing to her bad health I have kept secret from her the fact that her father has been on trial for his life."

"I trust people will not think it vindictive of me to summon my husband, but I have only my old-age pension coming in, and out of that I have to provide for myself and also for my daughter, whose husband is dead..."

"In court my husband said I had maliciously molested his daughter while he was awaiting trial. I did nothing of the sort. All I did was to visit her at Whiston and try to comfort her in her hour of distress."

"Crippled" by Trial

"Even on the day the trial opened I sent her a letter telling her to keep a brave heart and hoping that God would spare her daddy."

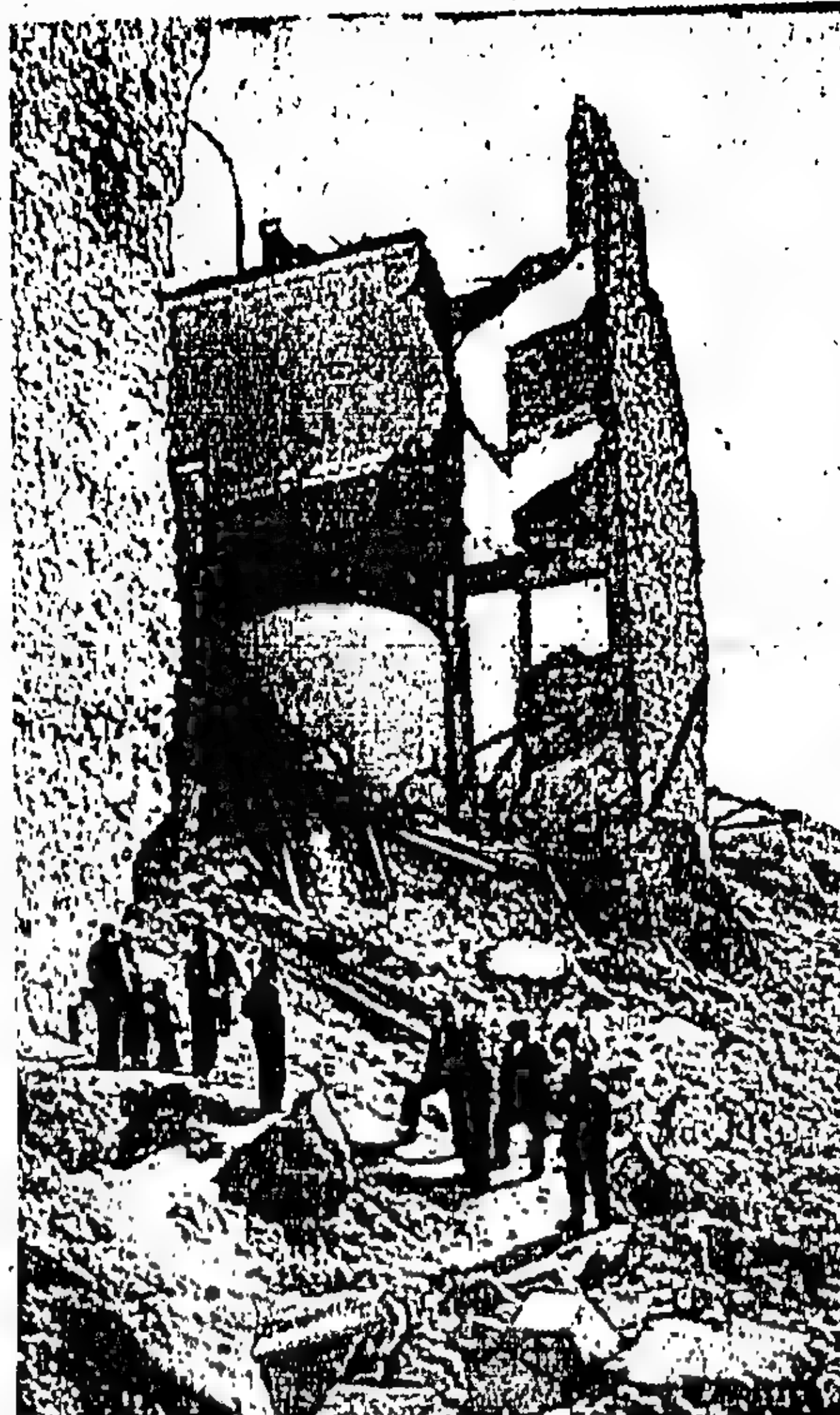
In court Hadfield declared that he had been financially crippled as a result of paying for his defence in the murder trial. He admitted that he had only paid his wife 10s. a week most of the time since an order of 12s. was made against him before the war.

The magistrate (Mr. L. Dunne) declined to vary the order, but directed that the money should be paid through the court.

When Hadfield returned to his shop he was met by his daughter, who told me: "It was not until Mrs. Hadfield came to me that I knew the woman who had been buried in Twickenham cemetery under the name of 'Mrs. Hadfield' had not been married to my father."

"It was a great shock to me, but I can only say now and now that no child could have had a better father."

WHERE CIVIL WAR'S MOST DRAMATIC INCIDENT TOOK PLACE



All that remained of the Alcazar in Toledo after the three months' bombardment by Government forces.

Dissension Between Navy and R.A.F.

THE disclosure that the Fleet Air Arm and the Royal Air Force are not working in agreement was made by Earl Beatty during the resumed debate by the House of Lords on rearmament.

He said that if his father were still alive he would have fought hard to obtain a separate air arm for the Royal Navy. The present system had failed.

Some dissatisfaction (he continued) existed amongst the younger members of the Fleet Air Arm. In this branch of the Navy there was real anxiety, because in the past the Fleet Air Arm had been supplied by volunteers from both services.

Last year and this year there had been a marked falling off in these volunteers.

It was practically impossible to obtain the volunteers that were required without strong coercion on the part of senior officers in the Navy. That was a serious position.

As the country was now embarking on a great air expansion it would be wiser, in view of the dissatisfaction which existed, that an inquiry should be made before the expansion rather than at the end of it.

"If the R.A.F. and the Navy are to give their proper services to this country in future disagreement must once and for all be removed."

Lord Rannell described the Franco-Russian Treaty as a "deplorable event."

BRITAIN'S CHANCE TO GIVE A PEACE LEAD

Lord Rannell of Rodd stated there

was a growing feeling among the people in favour of the restoration of cordial relations with Germany and a growing impatience with the insouciant attitude of France to the succession of advances which had been made. The time was ripe, too, for some concrete mutual recognition of the common interest of France, Britain and Italy in the Mediterranean.

Great Britain took the lead in establishing cordial relations with Germany and Italy we should create a moral force in Europe with which he could not believe that France would refuse to associate herself.

PREMIER CRITICISED

Lord Lloyd criticised the Prime Minister, but emphasised that he was not speaking of Mr. Baldwin personally, but as Prime Minister. No Prime Minister, he said, had ever led England into such peril as regards being unprepared as we were to-day.

Mr. Baldwin recently pleaded that although he was aware of the gravity of the situation ever since 1933 and that the Government were very worried about it, he could not act because he had no mandate.

"I absolutely refuse to accept that novel and un-English doctrine of mandate," Lord Lloyd continued. "The Prime Minister has always not only a mandate but an inescapable duty to do everything at any moment to secure the safety of the realm. No Minister of the Crown has the smallest right at any time to excuse himself for not seeing to the safety of the country."

The Marquis of Crewe said that when the Government went forward to improve the League of Nations they would have the support of the Liberal Party. One hope for peace was that the Great Powers should agree to a far freer system of mutual inspection of their military resources than existed at present.

Lord Snell said the Government should not be the last to make suggestions for the appeasement of the world.

MR. BALDWIN DEFENDED

Viscount Halifax (Lord Privy Seal), replying for the Government, said that for a great national programme a large degree of national assent was desirable, even if not essential. For two or three years public opinion had been passing through a steady process of education on these lines.

He continued: "If the suggestion is that the Prime Minister and the Government failed to make the country acquainted with their intentions at the General Election the suggestion is as untrue as it would be serious if it could be sustained."

He then quoted from election speeches. He also gave general details of how the work of Defence is proceeding.

Lord Strangford's motion, asking for full information of the Government's plans was withdrawn and the debate (which had lasted three days) concluded.

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ABDICATION SEEMS CERTAIN

NATION PRAYING KING WILL KEEP EMPIRE THRONE

Final Decision Will Be Known When Baldwin Speaks To-Day

LONDON, DEC. 10.

"UNHAPPILY INDICATIONS LATE LAST NIGHT WERE NOT SUCH AS TO ENCOURAGE OPTIMISM, THOUGH UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE OF THE LAST HOUR THE NATION WILL CONTINUE TO PRAY THAT KING EDWARD'S FINAL DECISION WILL BE AGAINST ABDICATION," SAYS THE DAILY MAIL IN AN EDITORIAL TO-DAY.

"THE AFFECTION AND SYMPATHY OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE WILL FOLLOW HIM WHATEVER HIS CHOICE. BUT IT WILL BE A GRAVE CALAMITY FOR THE STATE IF HIS FINAL DETERMINATION BE TO RETIRE TO PRIVATE LIFE. POSSESSING AS HE DOES SUCH GREAT ENDOWMENTS OF CHARACTER, AND SUCH A VAST KNOWLEDGE OF THE EMPIRE, HE HAS THE POWER TO RENDER UNRIVALLED SERVICES TO HIS PEOPLE."

"The argument is over. The controversy is stilled. While awaiting the Prime Minister's words, the nation can only offer the fervent hope that the Empire and the democratic principle it embodies will emerge from the crisis strengthened and fit to play the beneficent role in the world's affairs that is at once its privilege and responsibility," the *News Chronicle* declares.

"The path grows dim," says the *Daily Express*. "Pray for the King to give him guidance and strength in the dark hour. Because he is a man above all, and one who has given infinite service to the people, he needs, as he deserves, the human affection of all good men and women in the realm."

The political correspondent of the *Morning Post* points out that no irrevocable decision will have been taken by the King until the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, reads his statement to the House of Commons this afternoon.

"If the announcement is made in the sense which the nation would deplore, it is expected to include a declaration of the willingness of the Duke of York to reign in his brother's stead."

KING REMAINS UNMOVED

The general consensus of opinion in well-informed quarters is that His Majesty remains totally unmoved by the grave political considerations the Prime Minister may be supposed to have pressed upon him in recent interviews," observes the *Daily Telegraph*, in an editorial.

"Indeed, it may fairly be presumed that every single person with whom His Majesty has taken counsel, even those who may have supported the unhappy project of a morganatic marriage, will have done their utmost to dissuade him from the idea of abdicating the throne."

"In any case, whether the strong rumours prove justified or not, there is a gathering impatience with the protracted delay. The reasons for an early, indeed an immediate, declaration, accumulate every hour. The nation is in suspense. Disillusionment is spreading."

"Institutions are greater than individuals. The Crown, be it said, with entire respect, is more than his weaver."

INJURIES OF DELAY.

"It would appear," suggests the *Daily Herald*, "that it has been a fortnight since the King knew the request for a morganatic marriage could not be granted. That, perhaps, is not long in which to make a choice that will turn the direction of his life. But we have the Prime Minister's assurance that the King is the first to realize the injuries of delay."

Says the *Leeds Mercury*: "The enduring sanctities of the British faith are not in peril. They may be strengthened by the fresh illustration of their power of King and subject alike. Britain has survived worse crises than this."

STOP PRESS

London, Dec. 10.

The King's decision is not yet definitely known, but it is feared that abdication is likely. It is probable that Mr. Baldwin will announce the abdication in the House of Commons at 3.45 p.m. to-day.—Our Own Correspondent

And the *Yorkshire Post* adds: "Evidence has accumulated from all parts of the Empire of increasing anxiety that an end might be put to the uncertainty. To this crisis, therefore, the solution of the crisis to be announced to-day will bring some measure of relief, though it be fated also to bring profound regret."

The *Sheffield Independent* comments: "The King has solved his personal problem in his own way. The nation can do no other than accept that way in the unshaken belief that the Empire and monarchy will stand strong as ever, based on and inspired by the undeviating loyalty of the great commonwealth of free nations.—*Reuter*

OPERATORS SURRENDER TO UNION

BARGEMEN WIN NEW WAGE SCALE BUT STRIKE GOES ON

San Francisco, Dec. 9.

Freighters, Inc., the second largest operators of Bay barges, announced to-day the company had agreed to the demands of the striking bargemen's union men and would pay 85 cents an hour and \$1.25 an hour overtime for a six-hour day.

However, the bargemen's strike continues pending agreements being reached by other lines.

Radio operators are reported to have agreed to the terms offered by schooner operators, except in the matter of wages; and Masters, Mates and Pilots Association representatives have arranged for balloting on the schooner operators' compromise offers.

Mr. T. W. McGrady, of the Department of Labour, who is directing the reconciliation campaign, conferred with deep sea ship operators to-day preparatory to resuming joint negotiations with the strikers.

The first ship to feel the union's boycott, having been loaded at Vancouver, B.C., is the Hamburg-America steamer *Seattle*, which was forced to dock at San Pedro without the assistance of tugs. She is scheduled to embark 45 passengers and start for Europe to-day by way of the Panama Canal.

Meanwhile, the Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Daniel Roper, has notified merchant shipping companies and masters, that in accordance with the Copeland Act, becoming law on December 25, seamen will work eight hours a day "with no unnecessary work" on Sundays and holidays.—*United Press*

OFFER REJECTED

San Francisco, Dec. 9.

The Masters, Mates and Pilots Association has rejected the schooner-men's peace offer.

However, it is announced that the deep sea operators are resuming negotiations with the unions very soon.—*United Press*

MAY BE KING TO-MORROW



His Royal Highness the Duke of York

Not Fortifying Pacific Isles

SWANSON DISCLOSES U.S. INTENTIONS

Washington, Dec. 9.

Mr. Claude Swanson, interviewed to-day, cited the lack of appropriations as evidence that the United States was not prepared at present to fortify her Pacific Islands when treaty restrictions expire at the end of December.

However, he declined to comment regarding the United States' long-term policy or the recent Anglo-American-Japanese discussions regarding fortification restrictions.

In response to other questions, he said the United States did not intend to attach the new floating dock to the Philippines Station. The dock is being built, he explained, for assignment "with the fleet" and the Navy does not intend at present to despatch a fleet to the Philippines, which, he pointed out, is in process of becoming an independent state, subject to certain naval privileges, promised United States.—*United Press*

H. K. OPINION AGAINST KING'S MARRIAGE

Three hundred and seventy-eight British taipans and typists were canvassed by a *Telegraph* representative this morning and were asked to give a straight-forward answer to one question.

The question was: "If His Majesty the King insists on marriage to Mrs. Simpson, do you think he should abdicate?"

"By a majority of almost two to one their answer was in the affirmative. Two hundred and thirty-four British residents thought that the King should not occupy the Throne if Mrs. Simpson became his wife. Only 144 gave a negative answer to the question.

It is probable that there has never been an occasion in the history of Hongkong where the people have held such convincing and irreconcilable views as they hold to-day on the subject of His Majesty the King.

In only one instance did the *Telegraph* representative meet with a refusal to vote.

Each person approached was handed a slip of paper, and was in-

PARLIAMENT IS READY TO RUSH THROUGH NEEDED LEGISLATION

Duke of York's Succession To Throne is Automatic

London, Dec. 9.

Members of the House of Commons are convinced that the King's choice now lies solely between renunciation and abdication, and the continuous activities of other members of the Royal Family and lawyers means that he is nearer abdication than renunciation. Indeed, there are few now left who do not expect an abdication statement to-morrow.

This view is more strongly held since it became known that the Ministers were meeting this evening without themselves knowing what would be the King's choice.

It is learned on good authority that Mrs. Ernest Simpson, who continues to use her power to make His Majesty's choice as easy as possible, did not know herself this evening what would be the King's decision.

It is generally felt, however, that had the King intended to renounce his plans of marriage it would scarcely have involved so long a process of deliberation, and it seems probable that the thought of abdication held equal force in the King's mind.—*Reuter*

LEADERS ARE INFORMED

London, December 10.

Mr. Clement R. Attlee, Labour chief and leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, and Sir Archibald Sinclair, Liberal Opposition leader, saw Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, privately last night. They were informed of the latest position with respect to the constitutional problem facing the King and the Empire.—*Reuter*

London, Dec. 9.

Although there was no statement in the House of Commons to-day bearing upon the plans of His Majesty the King with respect to marriage, the Cabinet met at 7.30 p.m. to consider the latest position in the constitutional crisis.

There is reason to believe that at present His Majesty has not reached a decision, but it is hoped that he will do so by to-morrow afternoon. A statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, is still expected at that time.

To-day's special Cabinet meeting was held in the Prime Minister's room in the House of Commons and the position is understood to be still completely open.

Nothing further is expected to emerge to-night by way of an intermediate statement and no Cabinet meeting will be held to-morrow prior to Mr. Baldwin's announcement in the House of Commons.

As Mr. Baldwin told the House of Commons, so Lord Halifax, the Government leader, informed the House of Lords, in answer to questions by Lord Snell this afternoon: there was nothing to add to previous statements, but it was hoped they would be in a position to make a declaration to-morrow.

In the event of the King's decision to abdicate it is expected that a deed of abdication will be signed immediately and that Albert, Duke of York, will succeed to the throne. Legislation would necessarily follow.

The arrangement of parliamentary business and sittings this week will permit this in both Houses.

A Bill might be introduced into the House of Commons to-morrow, the debate would follow Friday, and the whole matter would be disposed of in both Houses by the week-end, if it is found necessary.

ALTERED SITTINGS

The House of Lords will meet to-morrow at 3.45 p.m., instead of the usual hour, 4.45 p.m.

The Lords will also meet at 3 p.m. on Friday, on which day they usually do not sit at all.

After this morning's Cabinet meeting, which lasted two and a half hours, it was expected that Mr. Baldwin would be in a position to make a definite statement in the afternoon. Such was not the case, however.

STATEMENT AWAITED

It is learned that when the Cabinet met at 7.30 p.m. it considered the latest position of the constitutional crisis. No further Cabinet meeting will be held before Mr. Baldwin makes his statement to the

House of Commons to-morrow.

The King is believed to have had further consultations with the Duke of York and the Duke of Kent at Fort Belvedere to-day. The Duke of Kent stayed the night at Fort Belvedere and it is believed he spent most of the day with his brother, King Edward. The Duke of Kent left shortly after the arrival of the Duke of York at 4 p.m.

The Duke of York left at 7.20 p.m. A Court circular from Marlborough House discloses that Queen Mary, accompanied by the Princess Royal and the Earl of Harewood visited the King this afternoon.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent dined with Queen Mary this evening.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY

London, Dec. 10.

Despatch riders left No. 10 Downing Street at 2.30 a.m. to-day for Fort Belvedere.

Members of the Prime Minister's staff assisted one of the riders to secure a black tin box to his machine, to which was affixed a great red seal.

All lights in the rooms of the ground floor of No. 10 were still burning at 2 a.m. when a member of Mr. Baldwin's staff, bearing a sheet of documents, crossed Downing Street to the Colonial Office.

Since midnight messengers have been constantly going to and from the Colonial Office where Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, remained until 2.08 a.m.

A small crowd watched proceedings despite the cold and fog.—*Reuter*

FATE OF MONARCHY

London, Dec. 9.

The fate of the Monarchy was threshed out at an emergency meeting of the Cabinet, held in the House of Commons to-day, and it is believed that the world will know on Thursday what the King's decision is, although it is understood that he has already made up his mind.

It was confidently expected that Mr. Baldwin would announce the decision in the House of Commons to-day, but he deferred this, saying "I hope to make an announcement on Thursday," apparently meaning that he intends to do so unless there is a last-minute change.—*United Press*

BALDWIN SPEAKS

London, Dec. 9.

"I hope to make a statement to-morrow," said Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, when he was asked in the House of Commons to-day what he intended to do. He said he was not sure whether he would speak to-day or to-morrow, but he was sure to speak before the end of the week.

POEMS

UP-HILL

Does the road wind up-hill all the way?
Yes, to the very end.
Will the day's journey take the whole long day?
From morn to night, my friend.
But is there for the night a resting place?
A roof for when the slow dark hours begin,
May not the darkness hide it from my face?
You cannot miss the inn.
Shall I meet other wayfarers at night?
Those who have gone before.
Then must I knock or call when just in sight?
They will not keep you standing at that door.
Shall I find comfort, travel-sore and weak?
Of labour you shall find the sum.
Will there be beds for me and all who seek?
Yes, beds for all who come.
C. G. ROSSETTI.

I strove with none, for none was worth my strife,
Nature I loved, and next to Nature, Art;
I warmed both hands before the fire of life;
It sinks, and I am ready to depart.
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The myrtle and the maidenhair are your lucky plants.

Jane Gordon is helping you to choose your winter wardrobe.

To-day she discusses everyday clothes, advises a four-piece outfit as both economical and smart, for town or for country wear.

ACCORDING to my calculations your winter wardrobe contains by now a four-purpose evening model, which we chose last week; a winter top coat for town or country, and an ankle-length tunic frock. The moment has now arrived when you should add a four-piece suit to your collection.

These four-piece suits are eminently practical whether you live in town or in the country. The model Angrave has sketched for you is designed more for country wear. The voluminous top coat will keep you as "snug as a bug in a rug." The plaid will be equally smart in the small shepherd variety or the large bold type so dear to the heart of the boulder.

The skirt of this model is plaid and the jacket in plain cloth.

If your plaid is of the thick rug type, then chose a heavy duvetyn, suede, or leather for your jacket, and wear a ribbed jumper underneath, of wool or heavy silk, with or without a collar, and let the sleeves be elbow length or long.

If you live in town let your top coat be of the seven-eighths or knee length, and have it in the same plain colour as the suit underneath, only in a thicker material. It will be the last word if it is lined with heavy taffeta of a brilliant shade, such as tangerine or violet-blue, to match the blouse of the same material and colour.

The jacket of the tailored suit must fit like a glove, and it will look less bulky under the coat if you choose a single-breasted style, belted or unbelted, as you like.

The skirt must be slim and straight or flared in the new skating skirt fashion.

These new skating skirts are the most important feature of one of the leading London shows, and you are going to see a great many of them this winter. They are short, reaching only three to three and a half inches below the knee. They are cut tight over the hips and then flared out to the hem.

They may be pleated or plain, and they are worn with tight-fitting jackets, some with pockets, some plain, and all with leanings towards Norfolk jacket style.

One suit with a black plaid skirt has a tightly draped sash around the waist and is worn with a sulphur tweed jacket. There is any



DAY SUITS

amount of velvet used. A black velvet skating skirt is worn with a jacket in brightest velvet plaid.

Some of the smartest four-piece suits this winter are made of a mixture of cloth and velvet.

For instance, a fine face cloth is used for a plain skirt and jacket with wide revers of deep royal purple velvet. The short-sleeved shirt is made of the same velvet, and the knee-length top coat of cloth has an enormous front piece with slit at one side which can be slipped over the arm to make a one-shoulder cape.

The wide-brimmed Mexican hat is in black felt with the turned-up brim in purple velvet.

A three-quarter length coat of olive green jersey is worn over a suit of the same shade with a wine-coloured velvet scarf and velvet hat. A navy blue top coat cut on generous lines is worn with a skirt made with a really bulky box panel in front and worn with a blue and white cashmere fringed jumper. The hat has a great tassel on one side.

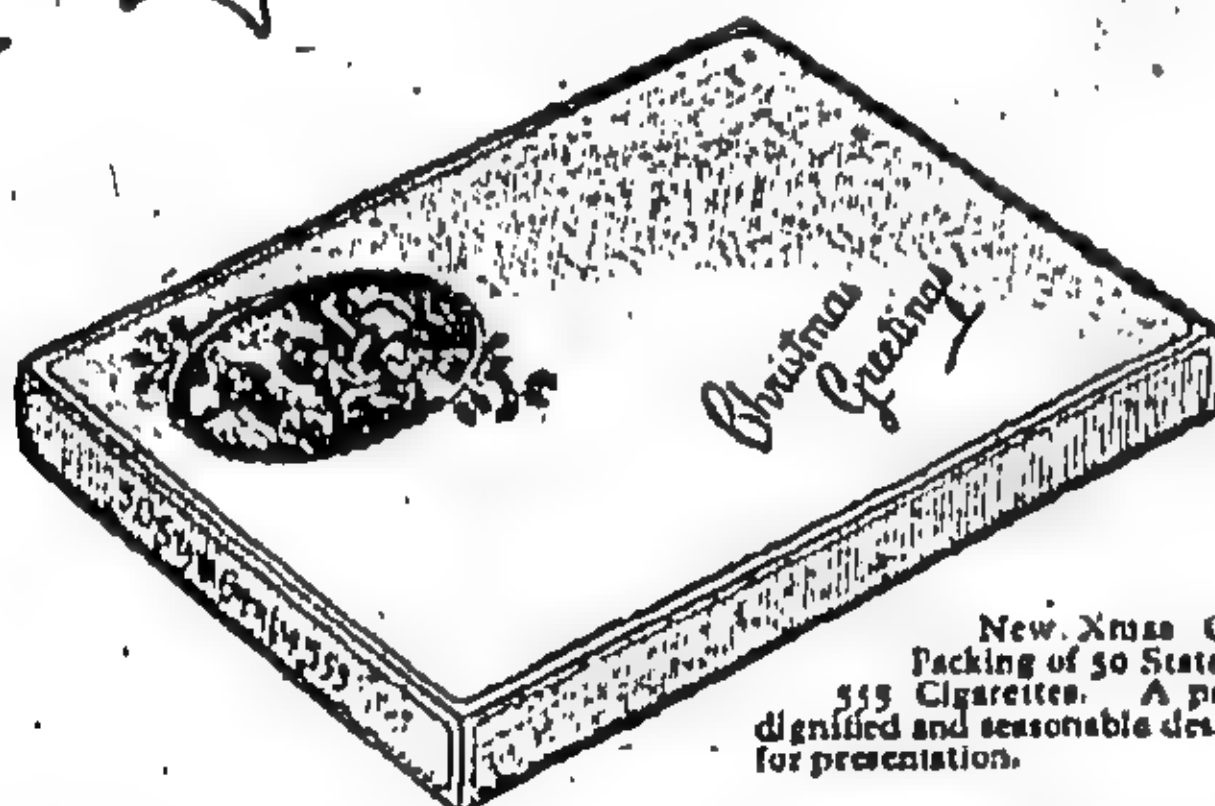
VELVETEEN and jersey are two more materials that are going to be very much with us this winter. You can find jersey thick enough to make the heaviest kind of top coat and fine enough for the slimmest tailored suit or day frock.

Velveteen is used for dresses and swing coats lined with taffeta, or else for smart suits with hip-length jackets cut in tight at the waist and flared out into a basque, worn with straight or flared skirts.

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Here is a selection of recipes handed down from mother to daughter in my family for generations.

Sausage pie

Yorkshire sausage pie is a delightful cold weather dish and has the added advantage that it can be prepared beforehand. Brown some sausages in the frying pan and lay them in a pie-dish. Put over them a layer of fried onions and a little gravy. Add a crust of mashed potatoes and put it in the oven for half an hour to get heated through and browned on top.

Ham and egg pie is a favourite with Yorkshire farmers for high tea.

Lightly grill a thick gammon rasher and cut it in small pieces. Line an ordinary plate with short crust and spread the pieces of gammon over the bottom. Break over it three or four eggs, cover with crust, and bake. Serve hot or cold.

Another way to cook a gammon is to put a half-inch thick rasher in a fireproof dish and surround with halves of tomatoes and onion rings. Bake for twenty minutes to half an hour and serve in the dish it is cooked in.

Yorkshire tea-cakes are the flat, round cakes, floury on the outside, without which, sliced and buttered or split and toasted, no Yorkshire tea-table is complete. Mix two pounds of flour and a tea-spoonful of salt in a warm dry bowl. Cream one and a half ounces of yeast with a teaspoonful of sugar and add a pint of warm milk. Rub three ounces of lard into the flour and add six ounces of currants and one ounce of chopped peel. Four the yeast and

mix into the flour and mix into a light dough. Knead well, cover with a cloth and set to rise. When well risen, make the dough into eight round cakes, put them on a baking sheet and set them to rise again in a warm place for an hour. Bake in a quick oven for ten minutes.

Parkin

Here is my granny's recipe for Parkin:— Mix together one and a half pounds of oatmeal and one pound of flour. Rub in three-quarters of a pound of butter (or margarine). Add one pound of treacle, half a pound of sugar, three teaspoonfuls of ginger, and two teaspoonfuls of carbonate of soda. Mix with a little milk. Turn the mixture into a greased, square baking-pan and bake in a moderate oven. When cooked, cut the cake into squares and store in a sealed tin. Parkin is better if kept for a month before use.

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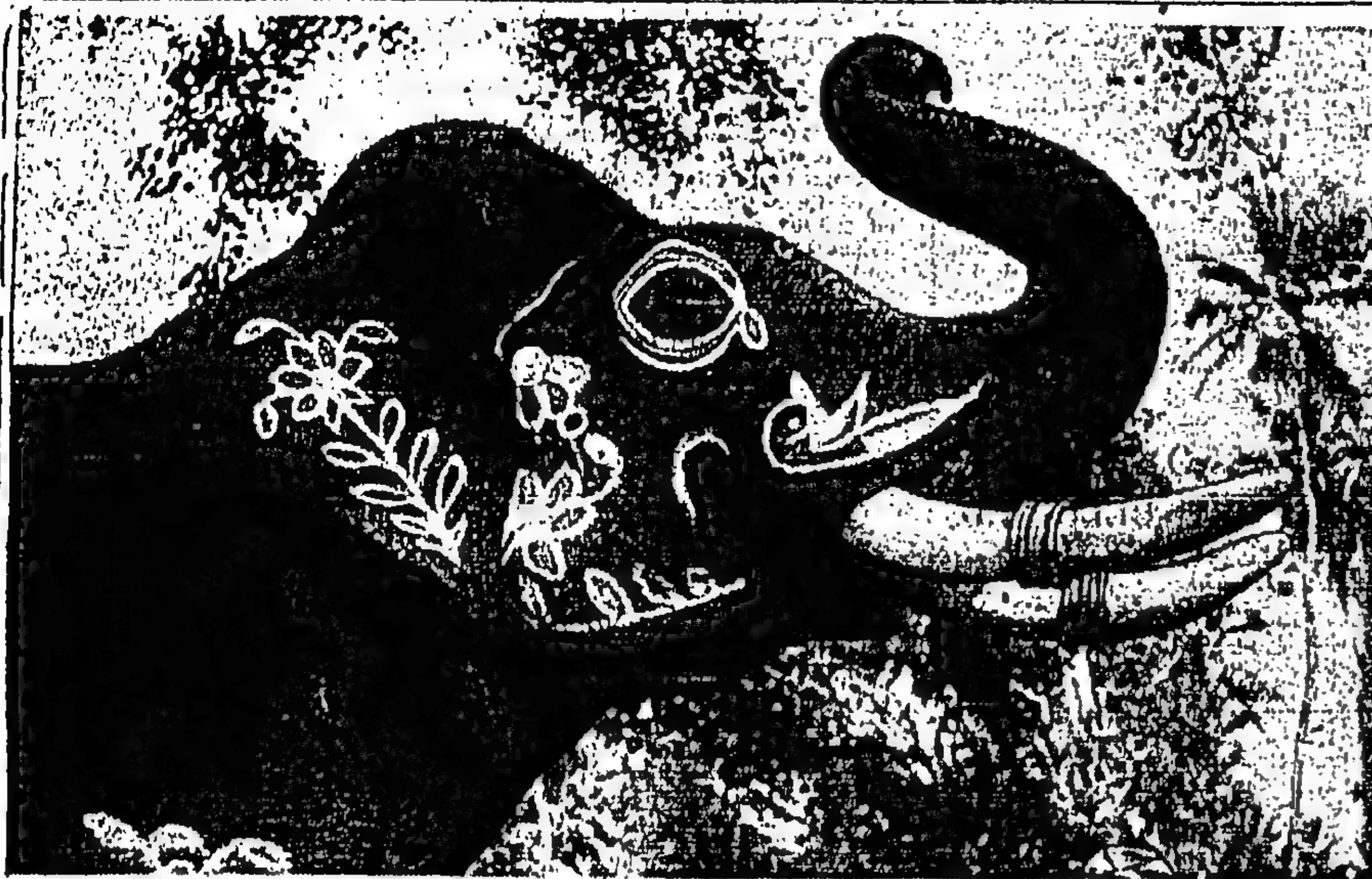
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STARR FAITHFULL CRIME REOPENED

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King's Marriage His Private Affair, Erasmus' Counsel 4 Centuries Ago

New York. A King's marriage is his own private matter, and whoever will make him a good wife is honourable enough whatever her birth. This counsel, along with much else pertinent to 1936, was written four centuries ago by the great humanist, Erasmus, to his pupil, the future Emperor Charles V of Spain. It is contained in Erasmus' famous book, "The Education of a Christian Prince," now republished in its first complete English translation by Columbia University Press. The translation, with an introduction, is by Lester K. Born.

The work was for centuries a textbook for the education of European rulers, and Erasmus himself sent a copy to the much-married Henry the Eighth of England. His advice to Prince Charles on picking a bride was this: "For my part, I should think that it would be by far most beneficial to the state if the marriage alliances of princes were confined within the limits of their own kingdoms or, if they had to go beyond their boundaries, with only their nearest neighbours, and then only those who warrant faithful friendship. But, they say, it is not right for the daughter of a king to marry anyone except a king or a king's son. Those are merely the fancies of individuals to raise their own kin to as high a position as they can, and the prince should have no sympathy with them at all.

A private matter of their own. It is called the greatest of human affairs, so that we too often have a recurrence of what happened to the Greeks and the Trojans because of Helen. "But if you please to make a choice becoming a prince, your wife should be selected from all women for her integrity, modesty and wisdom, and one who would be an obedient wife to a good prince and would bear him children worthy both of their parents and the state. She is honourable enough, whatever

her birth, who will make a good wife for the good prince." Erasmus added that a good prince "does not consider his own affairs prosperous unless he looks out for the welfare of the state." Warning that unwise alliances with foreign princesses often produced wars, he added: "Although I am aware that this custom is too long accepted for one to hope to be able to uproot it, yet I thought it best to give my advice in case things should turn out beyond my hopes."

YOUNG WIDOW MURDERED IN RIVIERA EXPRESS

Cannes, Dec. 1. HANDS and feet chained, her face partly covered with a chloroform gag, a strikingly beautiful brunette was found strangled on the seat of a first-class carriage of the Strasbourg-Ventimiglia express as it approached Monte Carlo this morning.

She was identified as Mme. Suzanne Carola, aged 35, a widow, manageress of the famous "Marquise de Sevigne" luxury sweet shops branch establishment at Cannes. Under her management the shop became the tea-time social centre of the town, especially for British visitors.

BETRAYED BY UNDERWORLD AND TATTOOED HAND

From C. V. R. THOMPSON, New York, Dec. 1.

A SLANT-EYED sailor with the words "Hard Luck" tattooed across his knuckles was arrested at Baltimore to-day for questions concerning three murders at sea, including that of beautiful socialite Starr Faithfull, whose battered, half-clothed body was washed ashore at Long Island five years ago.

One night in June 1931 Starr Faithfull attended a play in the liner Mauretania. She was never seen again. A letter was discovered later which indicated suicide because of the collapse of a love affair, but the final belief was that she had been murdered.

The sailor arrested to-day is Gail Gilmore, aged 36. He was discovered in a waterfront boarding-house by detectives who had trailed him for two months as a suspect in the killing of yachtman William Mortiz, whose bullet-torn and stabbed body was

found floating in New York Harbour last August.

The detectives grilled their prisoner relentlessly while they brought him by train to New York.

They asked him about his whereabouts at the time of the Starr Faithfull murder, and also the murder of Benjamin Collings, eccentric inventor and mechanical engineer.

[Collings was seized by harbour pirates who boarded his cabin cruiser and attacked him. When Mrs. Collings went to her husband's aid the pirates had disappeared. The inventor's body, shot, stabbed and bound, was washed up on Long Island shore a week later.]

BLOODSTAINS IN SLOOP

Collings' murder was just three weeks after the Starr Faithfull crime. Police believe Starr Faithfull was killed aboard some craft and thrown overboard.

Gilmore was traced by the words "Hard Luck" which he had tattooed across his knuckles during a drunken waterfront orgy.

Mrs. Gilmore told detectives that her husband, who had worked for the dead yachtman William Mortiz, had gone to Boston by motor-car just before his employer's body was discovered.

She told them his tattoo marks and directed them to his fishing sloop.

Bloodstains were found on some cushions in the sloop, and the police also discovered several unopened letters addressed to the nephew of a New York police inspector.

A tip from the underworld told detectives that Gilmore might be at Baltimore.

NEW MYSTERY

For weeks they went through the bars and cafes of Baltimore's waterfront looking for a man with "hard luck" tattooed on his knuckles.

At last they saw the man they were looking for. They followed Gilmore to his lodging-house and quietly arrested him.

Said the detectives: "This may result in revelations regarding the Faithfull case."

They said nothing more. Another mystery was provided by a navigator's licence found in a wallet the detectives took from Gilmore.

It bore the name "Carl Shultz, yachtman." Shultz was reported missing from New York Harbour several months ago.

SIX NEW EXPRESS LINERS

CUNARD-WHITE STAR directors are, it is understood, negotiating with the Government for money aid in their £10,000,000 reconstruction programme.

Six express liners of medium size are planned.

The Government, it is thought, may be influenced by the fact that the ships will be of a type which could in war be rapidly converted to fast troop-carriers or armed merchant vessels.

The promotion of a Bill is proposed similar to the North Atlantic Shipping Act which empowered the Government to advance £5,000,000 at a low rate of interest for the building of the Queen Mary and her sister ship.

FOUR TENDERS

Tenders for two new ships have already been received by the company from four of the principal British ship-building firms and orders are likely to be placed in the New Year.

The ships will be of about 28,000 tons and similar to the motor liners George and Britannic, except that they will be steam propelled.

The cost has been estimated at £4,000,000.

ARRESTING LIKENESS

Montreal, Dec. 1. Harold Beament has a talent for drawing.

In his bedroom in Montreal Harold was asleep when he was roused by the opening of his door. A man came in and tipped about the room.

As the intruder bent over desk and drawer his flashlight lit up his face. Mr. Beament made no effort to stop him—no attempt to call the police. He lay in his bed, eyes focused on the features that he glimpsed so dimly.

As soon as the man left Mr. Beament snatched pencil and paper and sketched him. The harsh lines and delicate shading of the impression were unmistakable.

He handed the sketch to the police. It was circulated among the force. And the man was recognised, arrested and sentenced.

He was a burglar with 25 previous convictions.

SETTLER SHOOT BEAST OF LEGEND

Nairobi, Nov. 20. WHITE-SETTLER Jesse R. Coope, hunting in the Mau forest, 100 miles from here, has shot a huge lynx-like creature which local people here believe to be a Nandi bear.

For more than 20 years natives and others have reported seeing a Nandi bear at rare intervals, but never has one been shot or caught before. The animal has achieved an almost legendary reputation. Captain A. T. A. Ritchie, the Kenya game warden, says the shot beast resembles an outsize lynx but possesses significant points of difference. It has dark mahogany coloured fur. Local experts say they have never seen anything like it before.

The skin and skull are being sent to the British Museum for examination and possible identification.

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G. B. SHAW ATTACKS CABINET

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paper article dealing with the romance. "Everybody seems to favour the King," said Mr. Shaw. "Ministers have made a dreadful mess of things. They have not grasped the point that Mrs. Simpson cannot accept any position short of that of Queen Consort, due to the feeling which would be held by her country if her position was one of inferiority. "This notion that the King could be half-married is nonsense, as is the notion that he must marry a Royal Princess—if any are left of good standing. "Mrs. Simpson's blood is just as blue as that of any of the Royal Princesses. She holds a very high position in her country, which is a Republic—after all, the whole world is Republican, except a few corners. There are some people who hope that the bygone powers of Kings will return, and who hope that all these vulgar Republics will be swept away. That is tripe."

SNUB AND INSULT

Mr. Shaw said any refusal to sanction the marriage would be "a snub and a gross insult to the United States. I do not know what the American Ambassador in London would do—probably refuse to attend the Coronation." Mr. Shaw characterized the possibility of a Regency as "fally." Regarding the Royal Family's opposition, Mr. Shaw said: "As a matter of fact they would have to stand it if the King persists." He said the King's abdication would be an unmitigated disaster. There could be nothing possibly worse. It would be a frightful insult to the United States. People have not realized that the King's choice of an American woman is the best possible thing; there is nothing whatever against her."—United Press.

PARLIAMENT IS READY TO RUSH THROUGH NEEDED LEGISLATION

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to add to Monday's announcement. The Labourites, said Mr. Attlee, hoped the statement would not be postponed in view of the present unsettled effects and financial inconveniences. That the House itself is affected by the prevailing uncertainty was shown by the fact that the number of usual questions on the order paper has fallen away considerably. Members profess to be mystified by the continued absence of a final solution on the constitutional issue.—Reuter Special.

GODDARD'S STATEMENT

London, Dec. 9. Mr. Theodor Goddard, Mrs. Simpson's solicitor, who flew to Cannes to see her yesterday, in a statement issued to-day says that Dr. Kirkwood, his medical adviser and old friend, accompanied him on the trip solely to attend him, as he had always been advised not to fly.—Reuter Special.

LABELLED ROOSEVELT?

San Jose, Dec. 9. Mr. H. E. Beales, of Mountain View, Cal., has filed complaint that Mr. P. M. Smith, publisher of the Mountain View Register, criminally labelled President Roosevelt during the November election campaign, and a warrant has been issued for Mr. Smith's arrest, with bail set at \$2,000.—United Press.

Christmas Advertising

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"GREEK MEETS GREEK"

MONEY-LENDING CASE IN COURT

Dublin, Dec. 10. "It's a case where Greek meets Greek," said Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jnr., at the Supreme Court this morning when he appeared before the Chief Justice, Sir Abbot MacGregor, on behalf of a money-lender named Sawan who claimed the return of \$13,124.30 from G. H. Kikabho, trading as the Salfire Store.

Mr. d'Almada was instructed by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios; defendant was not legally represented.

Counsel said the claim was based on a promissory note given by defendant for various sums of money advanced to him by plaintiff. Defendant did not deny the transactions but pleaded they were harsh and unconscionable, as the interest paid by him was too high. The onus was therefore on him to prove this allegation.

His Lordship agreed, and defendant was called to discharge the onus. From several lines of evidence, he detailed his transaction with plaintiff and the interest paid on them. On several occasions he contradicted himself and at one stage prompted his Lordship to make the following comment: "I cannot believe a word you say."

Defendant admitted that the notes which formed the subject matter of the action were renewals of those for sums of money actually advanced to him by plaintiff.

His Lordship: What is your complaint?

Defendant: My complaint is that I have paid too much interest.

Did you pay him interest at a greater rate than three per cent. a month?—No, but I have given presents to plaintiff.

Do you want those back?—No. Were they freely or extorted from you or did you give them voluntarily?—When I declined to renew the notes, plaintiff refused to return those which I had from other debtors and which I deposited with him. Whenever he made a loan to me I gave him \$200 or \$300.

Did he insist on that?—No, but he used to come to my store and eat up everything. (Laughter).

His Lordship informed Mr. d'Almada that he could not see anything whatsoever in the conduct of plaintiff to which exception could be taken. Mr. d'Almada remarked that it was a case "where Greek meets Greek" as defendant had been a money-lender himself, and as such he must have had his eyes open when he entered into the transactions and agreed to pay the interest.

Giving judgment for plaintiff, with costs, his Lordship remarked that plaintiff had been amazingly tolerant with defendant throughout. Defendant had failed to adduce a scintilla of evidence to support his view that the interest he had paid was too high; on the contrary, he had been very well treated by plaintiff.

MANILA SHARES

The following quotations have been received by Swan, Culbertson and Fritz from their Manila office after the close of the morning session:

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Coco Grove	81	84
Consolidated Mines	0.275	0.3
Danyaka	23	28
Demonstration	62	63
East Mindanao	25	27
Gold Creek	19	20
Gumaus Gold	1.10	1.15
Ilogon	1.10	1.15
I. X. L.	1.30	1.35
Marsman	100.00	104.00
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Geneva	21.35	21.33 1/2
Berlin	12.19	12.18 1/2
Athens	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan	93 1/4	93 1/4
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.39 1/2	19.39 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 1/2 3/4	1/2 1/2 3/4
New York	4.00 1/4	4.00 3/4
Amsterdam	9.01 1/4	9.00 3/4
Vienna	26 1/2	26 1/2
Prague	138 1/4	138 1/4
Madrid	110 1/2	110 1/2
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
Bombay	1/4 1/2	1/4 1/2
Montreal	4.90 1/4	4.88 1/2
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Yokohama	1/1 1/2 3/4	1/1 1/2 3/4
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FREE STATE EXECUTIVES IN SESSION

Dublin, Dec. 10. Mr. Eamon de Valera presided over a meeting of Irish Free State Ministers last night which was understood to have been called as a result of a communication from London, presumably from the Dominion's Secretary, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald.

In addition to the Ministers, the Permanent Secretary and Legal Adviser of the Department of External Affairs was present. No statement with regard to the meeting has been issued hitherto. The Free State Executive Council is expected to meet to-day.—Reuter.

TURKISH PLEA TO LEAGUE

DISPUTE WITH FRANCE TAKEN TO COUNCIL

Geneva, Dec. 9. Turkey has appealed to the League of Nations Council in connection with the Franco-Turkish dispute over Alexandretta and Antioch, which were conditionally ceded by Turkey under post-war treaties. It is suggested that the lives and liberties of the Turkish population are being placed in jeopardy.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

DANZIG LEADER RETURNS

COMMUNIST SCARE CAUSING TENSION

Berlin, Dec. 9. Dr. Greiser, President of Danzig, returned there from Berlin to-day. It is reported that 60 Communists, alleged to be Trotsky terrorists, have been arrested in Danzig on a charge of subversive activities.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

RETURNING TO LONDON.

Marseilles, Dec. 9. Dr. Douglas Kirkwood, Mrs. Simpson's physician, has arrived here after his visit to Cannes. He is now returning to London.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

DEMANDS COLONIES' RETURN

SCHACHT EXPLAINS POSITION

Berlin, Dec. 9. Another official demand for the return of Germany's colonies, lost in the Great War, was made to-day by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, Minister of Economy, when speaking to the Geographical Statistical Society at Frankfurt.

He described Germany's lack of space as a nightmare and declared her lack of raw materials was even greater than her lack of foodstuffs. Germany's existence could not be secured by commercial agreements. Her position would remain an element of danger in the European situation unless the situation were remedied, he warned.—Reuter.

AIR SERVICE TO SCANDINAVIA

CONFIDENCE IN THE OPERATING CO.

London, Dec. 9. The Under-Secretary for Air Intimated in the House of Commons that British Airways, which operates a service to Scandinavia, has invited the Air Ministry to investigate its methods of operation. Stating that this would be done, Sir Philip Sassoon continued: "I am bound to add that I do not consider that the accidents which have occurred on the night air mail service to Hanover call into question the Company's ability to offer a safe night service to Scandinavia. The Company's daily passenger service has been operating since February with regularity and without accident."—British Wireless.

FOG IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 9. Fog and ice on the roads are still causing dislocation of traffic in many parts of England. In the South-west and the Midlands, visibility was reported to-day as five yards or less.—British Wireless.

FAIR WEATHER

The anticyclone is moving into the Pacific to the east of Japan. Local forecast:—East winds, moderate; fair.

Agreement In Tsingtao

JAPANESE SOURCE DECLARES

Shanghai, Dec. 10. A Japanese report states that a complete agreement has been reached between the Chinese and Japanese authorities at Tsingtao, foreshadowing a rapid return to normal conditions.

Meanwhile the operations in Suiyuan continue. A Chinese press message from Kweihsu states that Chinese troops have occupied the Mongol stronghold at Tamiao, which is also known as Sharamuren, thereby clearing the entire northern part of Suiyuan from invaders.—United Press.

RAPALLO TREATY NOT YET BELIEVED DENOUNCED

London, Dec. 9. The Foreign Secretary was asked in the House of Commons to-day whether Germany had repudiated the Treaty of Rapallo.

Mr. Eden replied: "The Treaty of Rapallo—a treaty for friendship between Germany and the Soviet Union signed in 1922—was superseded by the German Soviet Treaty of Friendship signed at Berlin in April, 1926, which was valid for five years from the date of its ratification in June of the same year. In May, 1931, the Berlin Treaty was extended by signature of a special protocol providing that each of the contracting parties could denounce it on giving a year's notice, but not before June, 1933. As far as I am aware, neither of the contracting parties has so far denounced this Treaty."—British Wireless.

AIR DEFENCE OF LONDON

BALLOON BARRAGE SCHEME

London, Dec. 9. Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, when asked in the House of Commons if the construction of a balloon barrage to defend London had been commenced, said orders had been placed and delivery would begin at the end of the year.

He added that the Air Ministry would be responsible for the barrage, and units would be organized on the same lines as the present Air Force auxiliary organisation.—British Wireless.

RED CROSS RELIEF IN FLOOD AREA

55 VOLUNTEERS AID 55,000 DESTITUATES

Washington, Dec. 9. Red Cross headquarters here reports that 15,000 homes have been damaged or destroyed, 2,000 entirely swept away, 55,000 persons are receiving food and clothing and shelter from 55 Red Cross volunteers.

Headquarters has not decided yet whether or not to send relief.—United Press.

EUROPEAN HOUSE ENTERED

THIEF CAUGHT WITH STOLEN GOODS

Caught red-handed with the property which he had just stolen in his possession, Wong Hong, aged 24, unemployed, was brought before Mr. J. A. Fraser at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with the larceny of a porcelain vase and a pair of spectacles, valued altogether at \$40, from No. 80 Morrison Hill Road, fourth floor. Mrs. W. S. Sainsbury was the complainant.

Detective-Sergeant Estall, prosecuting, said that about noon yesterday, Mrs. Sainsbury was walking up the stairs of No. 80 Morrison Hill Road carrying a child in her arms. She saw defendant coming down with a parcel in his hands, and asked him where he came from. Defendant replied "Topside," but Mrs. Sainsbury grew suspicious, as she herself lived on the top flat. She examined the parcel he carried and found it was a vase which she recognised as her own. The pair of spectacles were also discovered in defendant's pocket, and he was then arrested.

Asked how he managed to get into the flat, defendant said he slipped in when the small left the door open on being called down by her mistress. Defendant said he was formerly a fitter in an engineering shop at Shamshulpo which he left two months ago. Since then he had employment in a mah-jongg school in Wanchai, but lost this work a few days back.

Sergeant Estall said defendant had a previous conviction for larceny in 1930, when he received six strokes of the cane.

His Worship: Taking all circumstances into consideration and your youth, you will go to prison for four weeks with hard labour.

ENFORCING NEW TAXATION

CHINA ESTABLISHING COLLECTION AGENTS

Nanking, Dec. 10. Bureaux are to be established shortly in various provinces by the Ministry of Finance to enforce the collection of the new income tax, which comes into effect on January 1.

The tax will apply to salaries, business profits, bonds, and bank deposits. The bureaux will also enforce the new inheritance tax, which now only awaits the approval of the Legislative Yuan.

Regulations governing the organization and work of these "Direct Tax Bureaux" are being drafted and will be submitted to Dr. H. H. King, Finance Minister, for approval. It is suggested that in the beginning the organization of these bureaux will be as simple as possible.—Reuter.

EXTENDING CLIFFER LINES

Honolulu, Dec. 9. Indicating that Pan-American Airways would soon test the possibility of extending the Pacific service to New Zealand, radio experts, with their equipment, embarked on the liner Niagara for the Antipodes.—United Press.

Charged with damaging the footpath at Wong Nei Chong Road on December 8, Li Chi, aged 19, a painter, appeared on remand before Mr. Fraser at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he was ordered to pay \$2 compensation to the Treasury for the damage done, and bound over in \$25 for one year, with his master as surety. At defendant's first appearance in Court, Det.-Sgt. Moran said he saw defendant digging the footpath with a towel and throwing the sand into a bucket.

A man named Ng Shum was taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday in an unconscious condition as a result of a fall from a moving tramcar in Wong Nei Chong Road. A woman, Lau Luk, of 94 Hollywood Road, was admitted to the same hospital also through a fall from a tramcar. The accident occurred opposite the Royal Naval Yard yesterday.

On Monday, December 21, the Band and Drums of the 2nd Battalion The East Lancashire Regiment will play a combined Retreat at Shun Shui Po, commencing at 5.15 p.m. This will be the last occasion this ceremony will be performed by the battalion in Hongkong and the general public are cordially invited.

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILS.

		Date and Time.
Japan and Shanghai	Ranchi	December 10.
Shanghai and Foochow	Shantung	December 10.
Saigon	D'Aringman	December 11.
Haiphong	G.G. Paul Doumer	December 11.
Shanghai and Amoy	Chekiang	December 12.
Straits	Canton	December 12.
Haiphong	Tjisondari	December 13.
Shanghai and Amoy	Dakar Maru	December 14.
Japan	Antenor	December 15.
Shanghai	Cremer	December 15.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Samshui and Wuchow	Yang Ning	Thurs., Dec. 10, 4 p.m.
Air Mail for Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and North China (via Shanghai)	C.N.A.C. plane	Dec. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Reg.	Reg.	Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
Letters	Letters	Dec. 10, 7 p.m.
Reg.	Reg.	Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
Letters	Letters	Dec. 11, 5 a.m.
Letters for "Imperial Airways R.M.A. Dorado Direct Service" (Due London, December 21.)	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Fri., Dec. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Letters for "Australia by Imperial R.M.A. Dorado Airways Service" (Due Darwin, December 15.)	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Fri., Dec. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Scrooskerk	Fri., Dec. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tjisondari	Fri., Dec. 11, 9.30 a.m.
*Shanghai, *Japan, Honolulu, Emp. of Japan	Emp. of Japan	Fri., Dec. 11, 10.30 a.m.
Canada U.S.A. and *Europe via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)	Parcels	Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
(Due Vancouver B.C. 29th Dec.)	Reg.	Dec. 11, 9.15 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Rajputana	Letters	Dec. 11, 10.30 a.m.
Siberia	Letters	Fri., Dec. 11, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing Wo	Fri., Dec. 11, 10.30 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kingyuan	Fri., Dec. 11, 1 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	D'Aringman	Fri., Dec. 11, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haktan	Fri., Dec. 11, 3 p.m.
Dalren, Canada, U.S.A. and *Europe via Victoria B.C.	Reg.	Dec. 11, 5 p.m.
(Due Victoria B.C. 6th January)	Letters	Dec. 11, 5.30 p.m.
Letters for "K.L.M. Service" (Due Amsterdam, December 21.)	Ranchi	Sat., Dec. 12, 8.30 a.m.
Reg.	Reg.	Dec. 12, 9.30 a.m.
Letters	Letters	Dec. 12, 1.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anshun	Sat., Dec. 12, 1.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., Dec. 12, 5 p.m.
via Marseilles	Parcels	Fri., Dec. 11, 5 p.m.
(Due Marseilles, 8th January)	Reg.	Sat., Dec. 12, 9.45 a.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Philippines	Sat., Dec. 12, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Dec. 13, 8 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Holhow, Pakhoi and G.G. Paul Doumer	*Haiphong	Mon., Dec. 14, 1 p.m.
Letters for Guam, Honolulu and Changie	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Tues., Dec. 15, 8.30 a.m.
U.S.A. by "Pan American Airways Service"—due San Francisco, 22nd December.	Reg.	Dec. 15, 10 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Changie	Tues., Dec. 15, 1.30 p.m.
via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 26th December.	Reg.	Dec. 15, 9.45 a.m.
Letters	Letters	Dec. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kalgan	Tues., Dec. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Batavia	Tjisondari	Tues., Dec. 15, 9.30 a.m.

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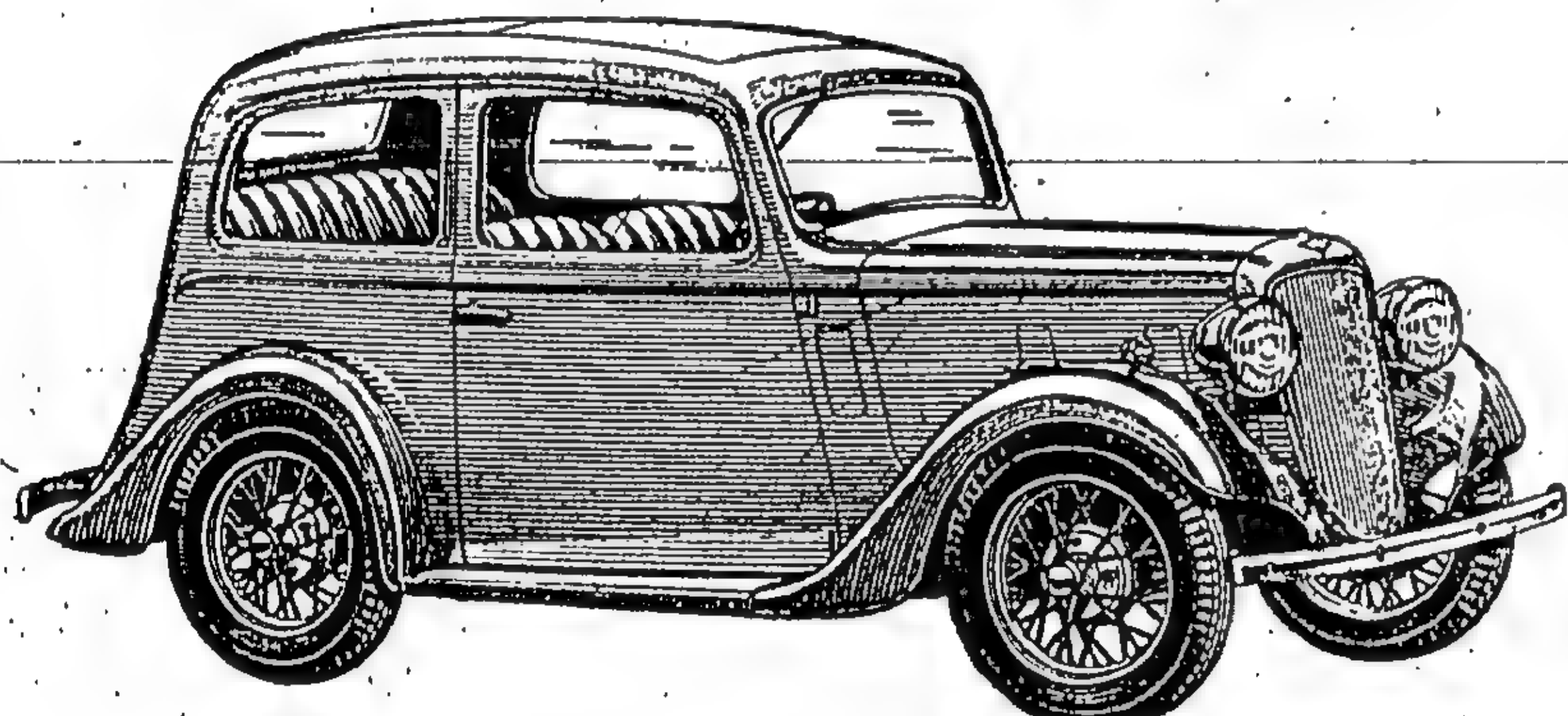
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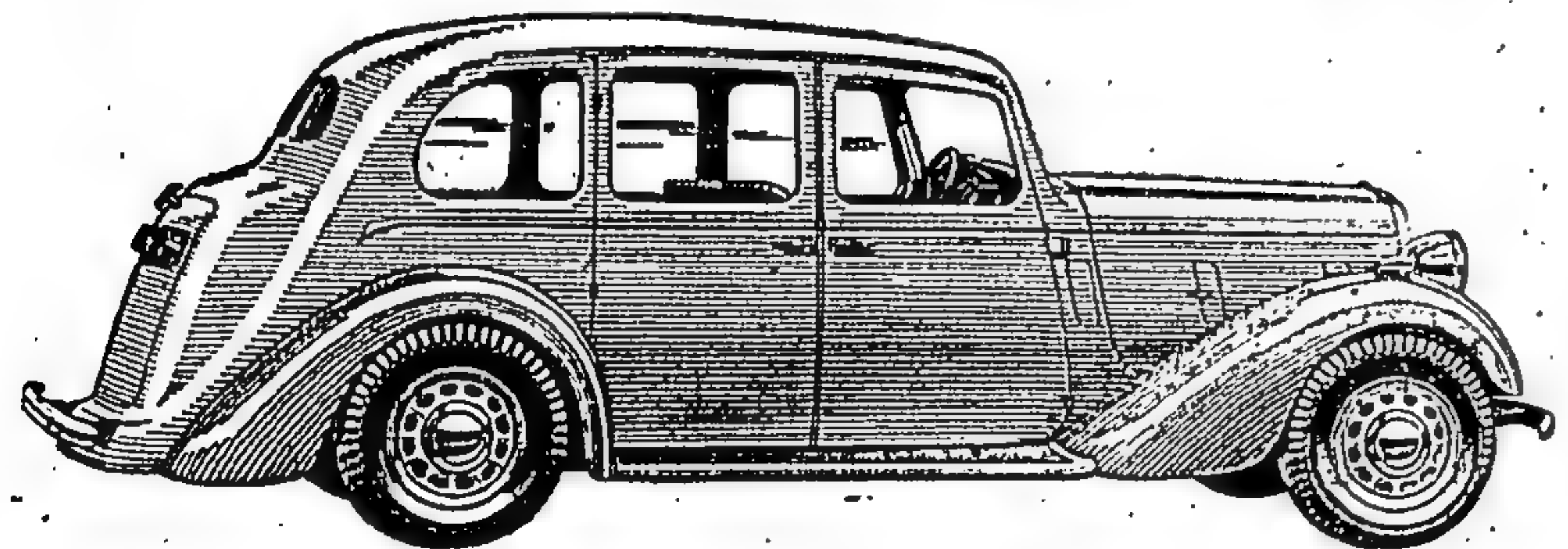
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U. S. MARINE CHANGES SEVERAL COMMANDS AFFECTED

Washington, Dec. 9. Mr. Claude Swanson, Secretary for the Navy, has announced the following Marine transfers:

Brigadier Beaumont to command the Second Brigade of the Fleet Marine Force at San Diego; Major General Breckinridge to command at Quantico.

Major General Lyman to succeed Major General Breckinridge as Commander of the Department in the Pacific.

Major General Little to command the Fleet Marine Force at San Diego; Brigadier Bradman to command at Parris Island.

Brigadier Richard P. Williams to command the First Brigade of the Fleet Marine Force at Quantico.

Brigadier Buttrick to command the Marine Schools at Quantico.

Brigadier Meade to the Navy War College at Newport.

It is also announced that Rear Admiral Downes has been transferred to command the Cruiser Division Scouting Force; Rear Admiral Hayne Ellis succeeding him as Commander of the Ninth Naval District at Chicago.—United Press.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks.	
H. K. \$1,780 b.	
H. K. Banks (Lon. Reg.).	\$108 n.
Chartered Bank, \$15½ n.	
Mercantile Bank, A. and B.	\$12½ n.
Mercantile Bank, C., \$14½ n.	
East Asia Bank, \$83 n.	
Insurance.	
Canton Ins., \$295 b.	
Union Ins., \$605 b.	
China Underwriters, \$1,00 n.	
H. K. Fire, Ins., \$295 b.	
Internat'l Assoc., Sh. \$3¼ n.	
Shipping.	
Douglas, \$50 n.	
H. K. Steamboats, \$7.40 n.	
Indo-China (Prof.), \$35 n.	
Indo-China (Def.), \$36 n.	
Shell (Bearer), 118½ n.	
Union Waterboats, \$10½ n.	
Docks etc.	
H. K. Wharves (old), \$108 n.	
H. K. & W. Docks, \$133½ n.	
Providents (old), \$150 n.	
Providents (new), 20 cts. n.	
Now Engineering, Sh. \$4 n.	
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$81½ n.	
Mining.	
Kailan Mining, Ad., 14/6 n.	
Raub, \$13 b.	
Yenz: Goldfield \$8 b.	
Philippine Mining.	
Antamok, P. 3.20	
Atoka, P. 35	
Baguio Gold, P. 21½	
Balatoc Min., P. 14½	
Benguet Consols, P. 14½	
Benguet Expl. P. 15½	
Rig Wedges, P. 26	
Consolidated Mines, P. .03	
Demonstrations, P. .02	
Ipo Gold, P. 21	
Masbate Cons., P. .36	
I. X. L., P. 1.35	
Itogons, P. 1.10	
Northern Min., P. 13½	
Paracale Gumau, P. .46	
Salacot Min. P. .05	
San Mauricio, P. 2.10	
Suyoc Consols, P. .33	
United Paracale, —	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels, \$6½ b.	
H. K. Lands, \$38 s.	
H. K. Lands, 4% Deben.	\$105 n.
Shai Lands, Sh. \$13 n.	
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. \$10 n.	
Lumphries, \$9½ n.	
H. K. Realities, \$5 n.	
China Estates, \$78 n.	
China Realities, Sh. \$4 n.	
China Debentures Sh. \$60 n.	
Public Utilities.	
H. K. Tramways, \$12 b. and sa.	
Peak Trams, (old), \$6½ n.	
Peak Trams, (new), \$2¾ n.	
Star Ferries, (old), \$93 b.	
and sa.	
Yaumati Ferries (old), \$25 n.	
China Lights, \$13.20 sa.	
China Lights, (new), \$10½ n.	
H. K. Electric, \$53¼ b.	
Macao Electric, \$20 n.	
Sandakan Lights, \$8.30 n.	
Telephone (old), \$28½ n.	
Telephone (new), \$10 n.	
China Buses, Sh. \$11¼ n.	
Singapore Tractions, 27/— n.	
Singapore Pref., 27/— n.	
Industrials.	
Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. \$19½ n.	
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. \$15 n.	
Canton Ice, \$2.20 n.	
Cement, \$11 s.	
H. K. Ropes, \$3 s.	
Stores, &c.	
Dairy Farm, \$20½ n.	
Watson, \$4.85 n.	
Lane Crawfords, \$6¾ n.	
Sincere, \$3 n.	
Wing On (H.K.), \$50 n.	
Cotton Mills.	
Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$18.70 sa.	
Shai Cottons, (old), Sh. \$35 n.	
Shai Cottons, (new), Sh. \$60 n.	
Zoong Sings, \$26 n.	
Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$32 b.	
Miscellaneous.	
H. K. Entertainments, \$3 n.	
Constructions (old), \$1¼ n.	
Constructions (new), 40 cts. n.	
Vibro Pilling, \$5.50 b.	
Ch. Govt. 6% 1925 G\$Bda.	98¾ n.
H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 8% prm.	b.
H. K. Govt. 8½% Loan 8% prm.	b.
Wallace Harpers \$4 n.	

HOTEL STABBING INCIDENT ADVANCES TO WIFE RESENTED

Appearing on remand before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning, Chiu Tak-chol, 32, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment for cutting and wounding a hotel feld named Ho Ting with a penknife on September 17.

Det. Inspector J. O'Donovan said that defendant was from America and arrived here in August. In the early part of September defendant with his concubine went to live in the Asia Hotel where the complainant was the third floor boy. Early in the morning of September 17, defendant's concubine came out of her room on the third floor and went to a cigarette stall on the same landing. Complainant was looking after that stall. With him was a friend. Defendant's concubine took a newspaper from the stall and began reading. She was dressed in pyjamas. On observing that her husband was peeping at her from their room, she left the stall to join him. When she had joined him, complainant, who was still in the passage-way, heard her shout. He ran towards their room and learned that she had been struck by defendant and immediately tackled the man. Defendant, who was also in pyjamas, stabbed complainant twice in the stomach with a penknife. Concluding, Inspector O'Donovan asked his Worship to take a serious view of the case as it was becoming common among Chinese to use knives and other implements to revenge themselves.

In reply to Mr. Keen's questions, Inspector O'Donovan said defendant's concubine had anything to do with complainant. She had said that her husband was a very jealous man, and on one occasion he had knocked down a man who had attempted to watch her while she was bathing.

Inspector O'Donovan added that he had learned from defendant that their six-year-old child had on one occasion told him that complainant had kissed the woman. This complainant and defendant denied.

Pleading guilty to the charge defendant said "I wounded the man because he was trying to come between me and my wife."

EXCHANGE

Selling	
T.T.	1/2.27/32
Demand	1/2.27/32
T.T. Shanghai	102
T.T. Singapore	5211
T.T. Japan	105½
T.T. India	81½
T.T. U.S.A.	30¼
T.T. Manila	60¼
T.T. Batavia	55½
T.T. Bangkok	149½
T.T. Saigon	64¾
T.T. France	6.50
T.T. Germany	75
T.T. Switzerland	131¼
T.T. Australia	1/6½
T.T. Lisbon	6575
Buying	
4 m/s. L/C London	1/3.5/32
4 m/s. D/P do	1/3.7/32
4/s. L/C U.S.A.	30½
4 m/s. France	6.80
30 d/s. India	83½
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.90½

WHOLESALE PRICES

London, Dec. 9. For the sixth successive month, the Board of Trade index of wholesale prices showed an increase in November, the rise, as compared with October, amounting to 0.7 per cent. and against November of last year to 7 per cent. For the first time for over six years, the index was within 2 per cent. of the average of the base period, 1930.—British Wireless.

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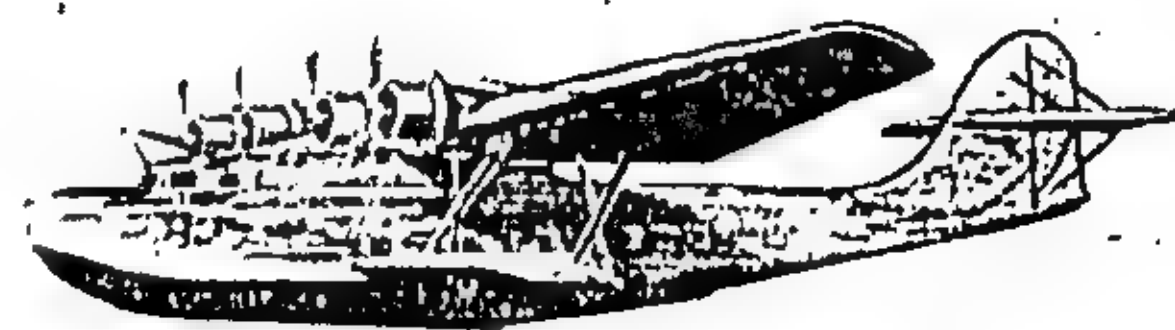
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(2) Are the ninety thousand dollars that have already been raised the most that Hongkong can do?

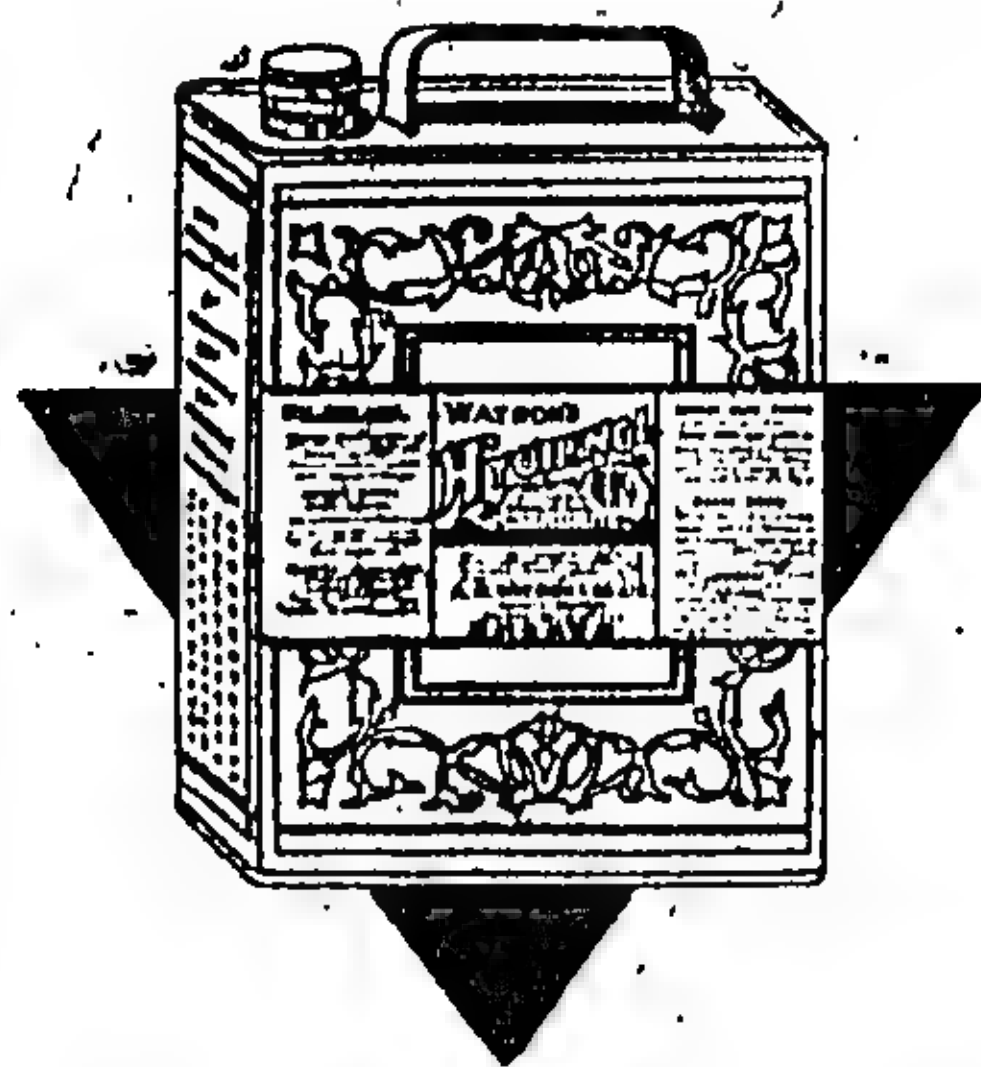
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BRITISH LABOUR CONDITIONS

Recent information regarding the conditions of British labour demonstrates two outstanding and important facts. During the past few years there have been few industrial disputes, while wages in many industries have shown appreciable increases. No doubt both factors are due to the steady improvement in trade and industry, though it might be argued that the second condition is in some measure due to the first. The absence of friction between employers and employed has given general confidence in the industrial position, and both sides have reaped the benefit. There is every prospect that the year now closing will prove the best for wage increases since the immediate post-war boom period which ended in 1920. During the first eight months of the year there was a net increase of £362,000 a week in the wages of 3,250,000 persons. The annual value of this increase in purchasing power is about £18,100,000. If this state of affairs is maintained, there will have been three successive years of increases. Since the war the changes have followed irregular cycles. According to Ministry of Labour statistics, increases in wages were shown in 1919, 1920, 1924 and 1926. The year from 1927 to 1933, inclusive, were bad years for wages. Since then there have been regular increases. The last really good wage year was 1924, when net wage increases had an annual value of £27,650,000. If the last third of this year maintains the position of the other two-thirds, the annual value of increases will total £27,150,000, nearly as much as in 1924. Gratifying as these figures are, the stark fact remains that there are still many regions in which the jobless find it difficult to keep body and soul together. This is notably true of South Wales, where public attention has again been directed to the lot of the people by the recent tour of His Majesty through the distressed areas. King Edward showed a very real sympathy with those who have been so long without work, and his remarks that "Something must be done to find work for willing hands," and "Now we must see what we can do" may be taken to indicate that a special effort will be made on behalf of a section of the community which has suffered long, and through all its trials, has remained loyal and law-abiding.



SWING!

SOMETHING has happened to jazz. A thing called swing. A year ago only initiates had heard of the word. Now there are a hundred and ten swing clubs in the country, totalling well over 10,000 members.

The biggest club is London No. 1; the keenest, Dundee. Members meet of an evening, talk about their heroes and play their records.

There are sixteen clubs in London and the suburbs alone. Clubs throughout the country are welded together by a central organisation known as the British Rhythm Club Federation. Members (maybe we should call them delegates) from clubs come up to town for big swing "dos."

THE peak of British Rhythm Club Federation activity is reached with highbrow Sunday concerts of jazz. They had one at the Grosvenor Hall, you remember. Since then, men like Larry Adler and Reginald Foresythe have drawn the faith by their Sabbath interpretations.

Around the country, though, proceedings are heartier and less formal. Rhythm clubs meet and have nice homey debates on Straight Jazz versus Swing.

Then a member will play a programme of records. And maybe the evening will be topped off with "hot renderings of old favourites" by local five, six, or seven-piece combinations. Amateurs all.

Their idea of a gala night is to attract a professional musician from one of the big London bands to give a lecture on technique. The man becomes the lion of the evening.

It is surprising, though, the number of effective local amateur jazz combinations there are. Twice as many as a year ago. The men, maybe, are bank clerks, accountants, bus drivers. Only a small proportion have the fatal ambition to be a professional. For most, swing is their hobby.

PROBABLY you've never heard of many of their heroes—men like Fats Waller, Wingy Mannone, Louis Prima, Jack Teagarden. They are the new kings of jazz.

Trouble is, nobody can define swing.

It's just a sensation. It makes your diaphragm curl and your head snap back. It's a peak of emotion. It makes you punch

drunk and slap happy. No, this isn't getting us anywhere. We must try to describe this strange music.

There's a man with a wooden leg coming fast down a dark street. Stop and shuffle; stop and shuffle. That's the rhythm.

Suddenly a trumpet flares: like a baby wailing in the night with a pin in its tummy—bless its little tummy. The yell gradually turns to a lilt.

Then a voice starts gabbling, like a voice in the ear after a hot lobster supper. Menacing, insistent, never finishing a sentence. And all the time a piano keeps going quietly, like the noise from a honky-tonk on the ear of a tired reveller trying to go home.

Sounds crazy? It is crazy. And significant.

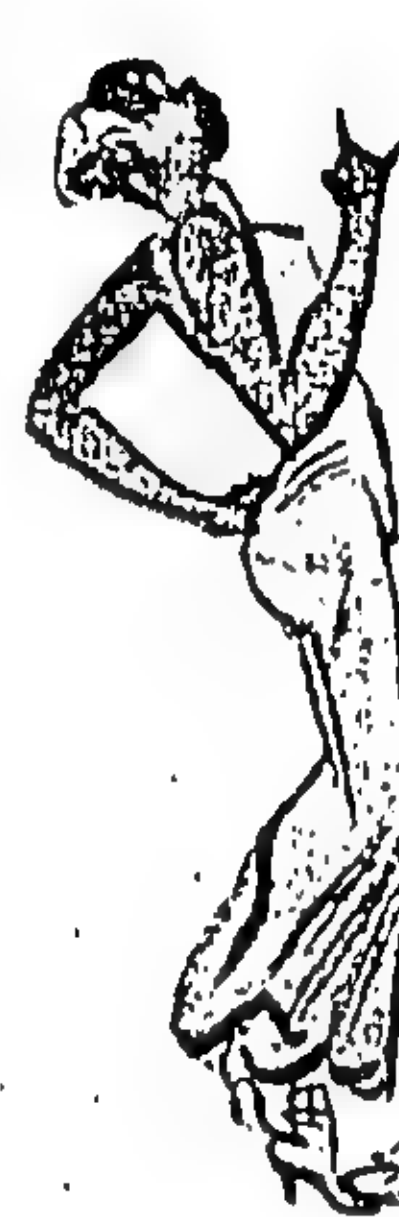
Buy a record to-day. But Fats Waller playing: "I'm gonna sit me down and write myself a letter." Listen carefully, and if you are lucky you may discern a sound basis of sincerity in the music. That is what jazz has always lacked.

SWING has made a knight's move in chess. Two jumps back and one to the side. A jump over the sleek, well-tailored orchestration of men like Ambrose (though Ambrose can swing, too); again over the noisy, irritable jiggling of early jazz (the Oom-Pah school); and a jump to the side into the swamps of Louisiana.

Swing goes right back to first principles of negro music. A great artist never plays the same tune twice alike. He takes the basic melody and improvises. The more he wanders the greater the emotional effect.

I met a man yesterday who is one of the new kings of swing. A quiet-voiced young negro called Benny Carter. Experts rank him up among the first ten exponents of the sax, clarinet, and trumpet in the world. Benny puts it this way:—

"If you don't feel it, Mr. master—a young, alight negro, called Theodore (Teddy) Wilson, you get half-a-dozen of the boys His touch is incredibly light for



out of Ragtime came Jazz: and out of Jazz has come—"Swing," fans call it

the terrific swing he produces; he plays modern jazz in the Mozartian manner.

Wilson is twenty-three. He was educated at the vast coloured Tuskegee University in Alabama. Both his parents are teachers there.

Two more. You wouldn't think Rachmaninoff would care for swing? He goes to the Central Park Casino, New York, to listen to Eddie Duchin, who goes to Chicago's Grand Terrace Cafe to study Earl Hines.

MORE men the rhythm fans talk about.

There's Bud Freeman, saxophonist, and Jack Lacey on the trombone, and Johnny Hodges, who is Duke Ellington's head sax man... we hadn't mentioned Duke.

He is not reckoned in the first flight of performers, but stands alone as a composer of swing music. He represents the quiet, reflective mood of the cult with pieces like "Sophisticated Lady" and "Mood Indigo." Two years ago the only way they could get the classic "Mood Indigo" on the recording market was by calling it "Dreamy Blues" and hoping for the best. Now publishers would give their eyebrows for one like it.

THE birth and the growth of modern swing music makes good reading. This is our theory.

Around about the end of the war dance fans used to shuffle at the Hammersmith Palais de Danse and at Rector's Club in London to a combination known as the Original Dixieland Band.

They were the first swing artists. The leader of the band (Le Rocca) wrote "Tiger Rag." The Tiger is the national anthem of swing. Like "The Blue Danube" and the Barcarolle from "Tales of Hoffmann," it will never die. The men who wrote that tune have split up since. A fortnight ago I heard there was talk of reforming the band, with the original members. Le Rocca now lives at his ease in New Orleans.

These men may still be world-famous. It would not be hard to make out a case to prove that by writing this crazy tune they founded the basis of an age's dance music, just as Strauss did.

IT is possible that the intrepid reader, having reached this point, may be thinking that a good deal of the above is special pleading. But we have a fact up our sleeve.

One firm, who turned out shilling and sixpenny records, recently decided on a revolution in policy. They bought from America matrices of swing recordings and decided to put them out at half a crown.

The first record they issued (it was Benny Carter's "Nightfall") sold 5,000 copies in a week.

That's business.

Paul Holt

Worked out for you

The earth's circumference will have shrunk by three and one-seventh miles; because the circumference of a circle always equals its diameter multiplied by three and one-seventh.

The time was still exactly 10 o'clock. The support of the clock's pendulum fell with the same acceleration as the bob, so that the pendulum no longer moved, and the clock stopped.

Work it out for yourself

Young George was walking in his garden when he narrowly escaped sudden death from a grandfather clock thrown overboard by a passing airship. On examining it he found it had stopped—at ten o'clock.

To steady his shaken nerves he went inside and tried to read. He picked up an encyclopedia at random, which told him that owing to cooling the earth keeps on shrinking. After many centuries its diameter will have shrunk by a mile. George began to work out what difference this will make to its circumference. Do you know?

Just as George found out, the radio announced that an airship, finding itself in difficulties at a height of 10,000 feet, had lightened ship by dropping a grandfather clock, vertically overboard at exactly—at exactly what time?

If you don't know, see Column Four.

Four Hongkong Artists

A PAINTER WHO
READS WHAT
HE SEES

II: YEE BON & WONG
SIU-LING

BY E. M. BARRETT

YEE BON and Wong Siu-ling do not present such a violent contrast as Luis Chan and Lee Byng, but the contrast is there. Yee Bon who held an exhibition, with Lee Byng, recently in Gloucester Building, also received his training in the Ontario College of Art and at a very early age found recognition in the form of scholarships, prizes and admittance to important exhibitions.

Wong Siu-ling, on the other hand, whose exhibition was held last week in the Hotel Cecil, is entirely self-taught.

Luis Chan stands isolated as much by his own will as by the force and virility of his work. Lee Byng by the intellectual quality of his, Yee Bon by his accomplishment, and Wong Siu-ling by a quality which he alone of the four appears to possess, that of appraising what he does at its real value.

This was the real contrast between Mr. Wong Siu-ling's exhibition and those given by the other three young men. Mr. Wong hung his pictures so that the best were given prominence, the less successful in less favourable places. In the other exhibitions good elbowed bad, and, sometimes, because the good was less immediately compelling to the eye, was overshadowed by it.

Mr. Wong Siu-ling is self-taught, but Whistler's command, made of another artist who made the same claim: "Yee and he has had a very bad master" does not apply. While Mr. Wong's "master" remains his severest critic he is sure to make steady progress.

There is another point of contrast between Yee Bon and Wong Siu-ling which it is difficult to express in words.

Both are Chinese, both are working in the Western style. Yee Bon has had his training in a famous art school in Canada. Wong Siu-ling has studied from books and from the paintings of other people which he has been able to see here in Hongkong, in Malaya and in China. Yee Bon for all his accomplishment is still mentally an art student. Wong Siu-ling is a student. Yee Bon, despite his birth and the centuries of tradition behind him, looks, as he paints, with Western eyes, his own personality and his racial instincts colour what he does and sees, but the basis of his observation is Western not Chinese. Mr. Wong Siu-ling is a Chinese artist studying and practising the art of the West. I do not know if he has any aptitude for painting in the Chinese style, if he started from that and then turned to the Western manner, but it seems evident that the mind behind the eyes which observe form and colour and set them down in the Western style, is Chinese.

The Chinese expression is, I believe, to read a picture, not to look at it. Mr. Wong Siu-ling, confronted with a landscape or a harbour scene, is not one feels swept away on a tide of desire to express the impression of the moment, but sets himself to "read" what he sees, to pick out from it its meaning, and in particular its meaning to him, and to set down that meaning as clearly and as plainly as he can on paper or canvas.

Here is a young man for whom one would have no fear if circumstances enabled him to go to Europe, or Canada, for a serious training. He might not progress very much further, but nothing could take from him what he was already.

Mr. Yee Bon may be a genius or he may be one of those gifts that flare up and die down. He paints in a variety of styles and the main impression created by his recent exhibition was one of bewilderment. There were two or three pictures that have already been exhibited in Canada in the National Gallery there, that were suave, careful and admirably controlled in composition, colour and technique; hanging near one of them was an oleaginous effort that should never have seen the light of day. There were delicate and charming flower studies, and bold and flaunting ones painted with very little impulse beyond a desire to splash and riot in colour. There were sensitive and carefully painted portraits, nudes sentimental and formless, and a brutal and ruthless scene in pose and colour. There were landscapes which ranged from the oleaginous through every style to a glittering cornfield topped with a full sun, the whole worked in bold pointillist manner, and, between the two, strong and sensitive scenes of the countryside of his native land. Most



WONG SIU-LING

When Carson Was Told To "Sack The Admirals"

THE third and concluding volume of Mr. Ian Colvin's brilliant *Life of Lord Carson* (Gollancz, 18s.), is an immensely valuable contribution to the political history of the war period and succeeding years.

The most controversial chapters contain a striking reply to Mr. Lloyd George's accusation that the Admiralty, during Carson's term of office as First Lord, was stubbornly obstructive towards the convoy system.

Mr. Colvin quotes a statement by the United States Admiral Sims that until the entry of the United States into the war the British Navy was insufficiently equipped with destroyers to guard both the Fleet and merchant shipping.

Within a month of the United States' declaration of war on Germany the Admiralty introduced convoy system.

BRUSH WITH JELlicoe
It is clear that as First Lord Carson refused to "gamble with the Fleet" and that he trusted his admirals, though urged by Mr. Lloyd George on one occasion to "sack the lot."

Carson stated later that the Prime Minister "was so rude to Admiral Jellicoe that the First Sea Lord came to me several times and pressed me to accept his resignation."

The Prime Minister, indeed, was accustomed to boast that he had his own sources of information from the Admiralty, and it was discovered that some of his secretaries were in the habit of going down to the canteen in the Admiralty basement, where the Second Division clerks had their luncheon, and gathering there for the detection of their chief information, more surprising than authoritative of what went on upstairs.

Little wonder if with such encouragement little-tattle grew until the First Lord issued an order that if officers were found to be gossiping about the affairs of the Admiralty he would take a serious view of their conduct.

EYE OF WAR MEETING
When Carson had been relegated from the Admiralty and given a seat in the War Cabinet, there was an

arresting and astonishing of all were two big canvases done in the Slickert manner, one of which he called "The Sea Army" and the other "Street Scene." Painted with freedom of technique, yet with the utmost restraint in colour and modelling, these two pictures had they stood alone would have been sufficient to convince one of his genius, to make one say: "It is intolerable that a man who can paint like that should be left in Hongkong where he will, as things are at present, get so little chance or encouragement."

If Yee Bon goes on, if his art grows as one feels that it must if he is given the help and encouragement of which he stands in need, these two pictures will be among those for which he will be remembered. Hongkong has something to be proud of in having these four young men, Luis Chan, Lee Byng, Yee Bon and Wong Siu-ling as citizens. Any one of them may bring the Colony added honour, all of them have already contributed much which is of value. If the Art School which has been already born in the minds of the group known as the Hongkong Working Artists Guild, becomes a reality, these four young men, who have all some experience of teaching, will be invaluable to it. Chinese themselves, with an understanding of Chinese art but practising successfully in the Western style, they will be able to teach the art of other country to students from the other.

other brush between Mr. Lloyd George and Admiral Jellicoe over the former's desire to change the Chief of Naval War Staff.

"You will obey orders like any midshipman," said the Prime Minister angrily. "I know what you are talking about," Sir John Jellicoe retorted. "I cannot be compelled to join the new Board if I think the conditions dangerous to the Service." The Prime Minister waived his demand.

Carson had a great and often decisive influence on events. He was with other Conservative leaders a guest at Warrage Hall on August 1, 1914, when the present Lord Lloyd, then a young back-bencher, came down to urge Mr. Bonar Law's immediate return to London.

Mr. George Lloyd (as he then was) had come to the conclusion that Britain did not intend to stand by France and Russia, and his fears were increased by talks with his friends at the French Embassy. With a number of other Conservatives he set on foot urgent measures to bring the leaders of the party together—the result being the historic letter from Bonar Law and Lord Lansdowne to Asquith, pledging the Conservative Party's support.

KITCHENER RATTLED
In 1915 Carson entered the Asquith

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

THE FULFILMENT OF DUTY IS THE TRUE END OF LIFE AND THE TRUE WELFARE.—*Jeffrey*.

For possession of a small quantity of heroin pills, Wong Yee, 31, unemployed, was sentenced to one week's hard labour by Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning, Lui Cheung, 39, unemployed, was ordered to pay a fine of \$3 or go to goal for nine days for possession of a quantity of dutiable spirits. Chan Yuen, 30, who was charged with a like offence, failed to appear before Mr. Keen and his bail of \$10 was forfeited.

A fine of \$5, or seven days' hard labour, was imposed on Wong Shun, aged 33, street coolie, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of three bottles of Chinese wine, on which duty had not been paid, at Kennedy Town Praya near Sand Street. Inspector Hourihan said the bottles were found in a rickshaw belonging to Wong Shun. The case was heard by Mr. J. A. Fraser at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Seen carrying six chickens in a crate without matting on the bottom, to prevent their legs from being caught between the boards, in Salisbury Road on Wednesday, Sui Pun-sung, 24, farmer, was arrested and charged before Mr. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with causing the fowls unnecessary suffering. On \$10 bail, he was fined \$8. Det.-Sgt. Hutchinson prosecuted.

Chan Fai-tung, aged 20, unemployed, was charged before Mr. J. A. Fraser at the Central Magistracy this morning with the theft of a rattan basket, clothing, two pairs of earrings, a wall clock and a quilt, the property of Ku Mui, aged 16, single woman, from No. 68 Stone Nullah Lane. Det.-Sgt. Estall prosecuted and said the total value of the articles was \$10. Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed on defendant, who had a previous conviction this year.

SOLVING THE "ROAR" IN PLANES

PROBLEM OF SPEED WITH SILENCE

The high speed aeroplane which is also silent, dream of countless inventors since the beginning of aviation, may never be realised. Recent investigations have shown that at the very high speeds likely to be attained by military aeroplanes during the next ten years, the problem of silencing may be entirely changed.

"Aerodynamic roar," may predominate and the silencing of the engine exhaust may have little effect in diminishing the sound made by the machine when it is moving fast.

The actual shapes, such as those of the wings and the fuselage, will be the sources of sound, and the very fact that they are deflecting the air in the performance of their functions implies that silencing will be impossible.

Little is known as yet about the kind of noise made by the air when it flows past an aerodynamic shape; but it has long been recognised that one of the chief sources of noise in the relatively low speed aeroplanes of the past has been the air screws. If the blades are moving at high speed, as means has yet been devised for silencing them. Reductions in noise have all been the outcome of employing airscrews with a greater number of blades or of larger diameter and running them at much lower speeds.

AIRSCREW NOISE
The Handley Page four-engined liners used by Imperial Airways represented a large step in noise reduction. In these the airscrew noise was tackled by using relatively slow running airscrews and by putting them all in a plane away from the passenger cabins.

Recently in America an attempt has been made to produce a silent airscrew by employing a slot along the leading edge; but scientists in this country are doubtful if any great improvement in silence will be secured by this means though it may have other advantages.

Engine exhaust silencing can be very effective now provided that sufficiently heavy silencers are carried. In this it is a matter of balancing the advantages of reduced pay (or bomb) load.

COILITION CABINET AS ATTORNEY-GENERAL. Mr. Colvin gives a vivid glimpse of Lord Kitchener, shaken by bad news from France.

Standing at a window of the Cabinet room, he was muttering, "Johnnie French is losing the war every day."

"But, if French is doing badly, you should appoint another Commander-in-Chief," Carson insisted.

"I know, but I cannot think of one," Kitchener replied.

"They expect too much of me, these fellows," he whispered to Carson one day at the Cabinet table.

"I don't know Europe; I don't know England; and I don't know the British Army."

RADIO BROADCAST

Children's Concert From The Studio
DANCE MUSIC

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 k.c.s.), 31.49 metres (9.52 megacycles).

12.30 p.m. Grand Opera.

1 p.m. Time and Weather.

1.03 p.m. Cinema Organ Solos by Sydney Gustard.

1.20 p.m. Three Songs by Alfred Piccaver (Tenor).

1.30 p.m. Reuter Press, Rugby Press, Time, Weather and Announcements.

1.40 p.m. Debroy Somers Band.

2 p.m. Vocal Gems.

2.15 p.m. Close Down.

5 p.m. A Relay of Dance Music from the Roof-Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

6 p.m. From the Studio.

A Children's Concert.

6.30 p.m. Jazz Piano Medley by Vivian Ellis.

"Let me play"—Selection; "Too Hot"—Selection.

6.45 p.m. A Light Concert.

Violin Solos—Chanson Arabe (Rimsky-Korsakov); Le Deluge (Saint-Saens); Toscha Seldel: Songs—A song of Thanksgiving (Allisen); Sweet and low (Barnby); Essie Ackland (Contralto); Songs—Sweetly she sleeps, my Alice fair (Foster); Jeanie with the light brown hair (Foster); John McCormack (Tenor); Cello Solo—Dimanche de Piqueur sur la mer (Dupont); Maurice Marcehal; Songs—Edward (Corder and Lowe); Norman Allin (Bass).

7.15 p.m. "Cinderella," a Fantasy by Eric Coates, played by the Composer and Symphony Orchestra.

7.30 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 p.m. The Hill Billies.

Rolling down the Hill—Billy Trail; Little Mountain Cabin; Twilight on the Trail.

7.45 p.m. Cab Calloway and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Chinese Rhythm; Weakness; Are you in love with me again? When you're smiling.

8 p.m. Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.05 p.m. From the Studio.

A Chinese Concert.

11 p.m. Close Down.

8.05-11 p.m. European programme from Z.B.W. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles.

8.05 p.m. Light Orchestral Music.

"Indian Love Lyrics" (Woodford and Plenden, arr. Mikulicz); "Monckton Melodies" (Stanford Robinson); "When Day is Done" (De Sylva, arr. Katscher); "Manhattan Serenade" (Alter); "Lane Wilson Melodies" (Alter); "Hawatha"—The Death of Minnehaha (Coleridge-Taylor).

9 p.m. London—News and Announcements.

9.20 p.m. Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 10, played by Ania Dorfmann (Pianoforte).

9.30 p.m. Waltzes by the Orchestra Mascotte.

Twinkling Lights (Carl Zeller, arr. Holme); The last letter (Rigov); Amoretzance (Gungl, arr. Holme); Over the waves (Rosas, arr. Holme); Souvenir de Monte Lisa (Schubert).

9.45 p.m. A Ballad Recital by Percy Fleming (Baritone).

Ballad Bolts (Eustache Martin); Chorus, Gentleman (Lehr); "Songs of the Fair" (Eustache Martin); (p) Jock the Fiddler, (b) The Ballad-Monger, (c) Fairings, (d) Come to the Fair.

10 p.m. London—Big Ben.

Orchestra Tipica Francisco Canaro. A Garden of Illusion (Pelay, arr. Canaro); The Tango of the "Mula" (Pelay, arr. Canaro); Amigasso-Tango (J. de Dios Filliberto); Clavelito-Tango (Canaro).

10.30 p.m. Variety and Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—A star fell out of Heaven; Vocal—(a) Underneath the old Pine Tree, (b) The trail of the Lonesome Pine; The Rocky Mountainers; Fox-Trot—Did I remember; Instrumental—Many happy returns of the day; Eddie Peabody; Fox-Trot—Drummer goes to Town; Song—My heart and I; Evie Hayes (Contralto); Vocal—Don't waste it make history; Instrumental—Some of these days; Eddie Peabody; Slow Waltz—At the close of a long, long day; Humorous—Another bedtime story—Cinderella; Wish Wyane (Comedienne); Vocal—(a) Oh Susanah, (b) We'll rest at the end of the trail; The Rocky Mountainers; Fox-Trot—A rendezvous with a dream; Guitar Solo—Le Regiment qui passe; Mario Maccaferri; Vocal—Kiss me good-night; Leslie Hutchinson.

11 p.m. Close Down.

SCOTTISH COALFIELD BALLOT

London, Dec. 9.

Voting is taking place throughout the Scottish coalfields to-day on a new three years' agreement based on the recent offer of employers. It is confidently expected that there will be a majority in favour of accepting the offer. New agreement has been under discussion for some time, and the previous offer had proved unacceptable.—British Wireless.

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KOWLOON CHINESE APPEAL: JUDGMENT RESERVED

BOARD SITS TWO HOURS

Verdict Later To-day

The Appeals Board of the Hongkong Football Association, which met last night to consider the appeal of the Kowloon Chinese Football Club against the suspension of the first eleven from further participation this season in the Senior Shield, and the additional suspension for stated periods from all local football, of Chan Hong-kong, Mak Sui-hon and Sui Tim-lin, did not issue a statement as to their decision last night, but reserved judgment.

I was officially informed this morning that a written judgment will be issued in due course, probably late to-day, but that at the moment it is not known whether the appeal was upheld or dismissed.

The Board, comprising the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. T. A. Mitchell, and Comdr. C. D. Arbuthnot, sat for two hours sifting the evidence.

They studied in detail the findings of the Emergency Committee, and also received from Mr. Chan Hong-kong, secretary of the Kowloon Chinese F.C., a full written statement upon which was based the club's appeal.

The case arose out of the playing of a Senior Shield match between Kowloon Chinese and the Club, which game had to be abandoned shortly after half time owing to the Kowloon Chinese objecting to the awarding of a penalty to the Club, and refusing to continue to play.

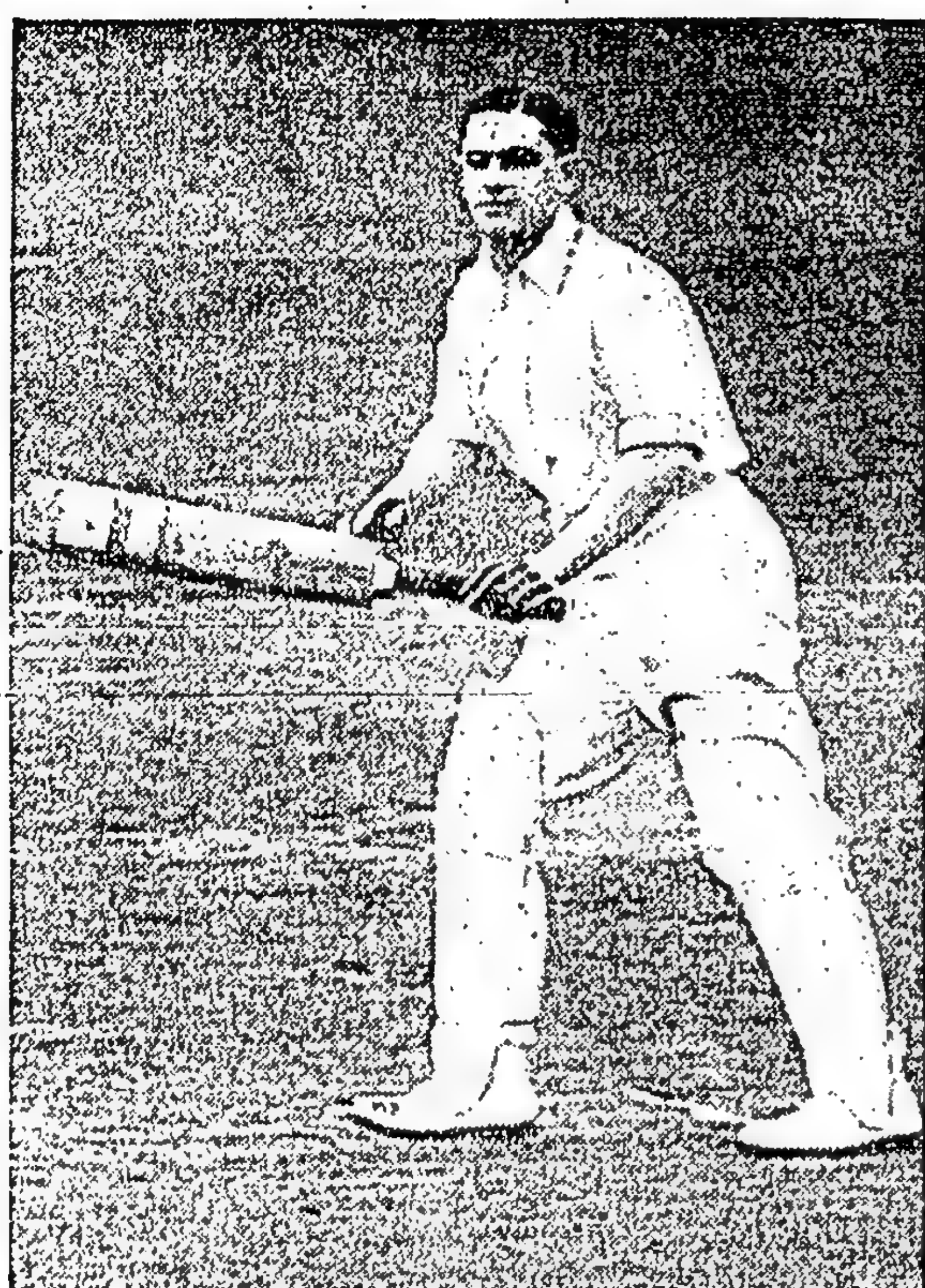
When the matter was brought before the Emergency Sub-Committee it was decided to suspend the Kowloon Chinese first eleven from further participation this season in the Senior Shield, while Chan Hong-kong was suspended for two months and Sui Tim-lin suspended for three months.

VARSIY FOOTBALL IN FOG

London, Dec. 9. Oxford and Cambridge drew one-all in the annual inter-Varsity soccer match at Highbury to-day.

Only a few hundred enthusiasts braved the discouraging elements and saw a poor game played in foggy weather.

The match was featured for its vigour, but very little skill. Cambridge deservedly led one-all at half time and should have won the match. But the Cantabs fumbled the ball to allow Oxford to equalise.—Reuter.



C. O. B. Allen, the English Test captain, whose all-round brilliance played such a notable part in the victory of England at Brisbane.

Clubhouse Chatter

By "Veritas"

Hats Off To Allen And Voce

BUT AUSTRALIA HAD THE BAD BREAKS

G. O. Allen's selection as captain of the English Test team was always popular in the Mother country, but now that he has led his side to victory in the first match of the present series against Australia, and incidentally played a very notable part with bat and ball, his name will be whispered in tones of adulation—at least among schoolboy hero-worshippers. The adult populace will regard his triumph with somewhat quieter satisfaction. For this match, which finished yesterday as a very distinct personal triumph for Allen. It was his batting on Tuesday which allowed England to run up a respectable score after facing the prospects of a

complete collapse, and it was his bowling, admittedly aided by natural conditions, which broke the backbone of any sort of Australian resistance on the last day and brought victory to his team in the face of not a little pessimism.

Voce Ruins A Theory

SECOND in the list of honours comes William Voce, the man whom, with Harold Larwood, 1922-23 set the whole world of cricket ablaze with a new bowling theory, and made history which even now is bearing its reflection in the current series. Voce, I have heard it argued, could never be the same effective bowler on Australian wickets without his club colleague Larwood at the other end. Voce's reply to this was 6 for 41 in Australia's first knock and 4 for 16 in the second; figures which compare very favourably with any of the great bowling performances which have gone down in history. Voce's 4 for 16 yesterday is not so very surprising when one realises how bad the wicket had become, but his 6 for 41 Monday was a performance in a class of its own. For the wicket was still—reasonably good; certainly offering little advantage to a bowler of the Voce type except that it was fast.

Fine Fielding

BUT after giving due and unstinted praise to Allen and Voce it is still desirable to acknowledge the fine support they received in the field. While one recalls that Fingleton was given two "lives" in the course of his century, it is significant that there has been no mention of other fielding errors. In fact in the course of two innings the Englishmen made eleven catches, several of these being in the first innings. This is sufficient testimony to the alert fielding of the whole team.

Adverse Circumstances

WHILE one is inclined to rejoice over the English success, one also feels more than a twinge of sympathy for the Australians, insisting that they had one or two slices of bad luck during the match. In the first place they lost the toss, and how vital that was has since been demonstrated. Then they were robbed of McCormick at a time when he was definitely upsetting the visitors with his fast stuff. Then they had to bat a fourth innings on a rain-damaged pitch, which had previously shown signs of crumbling after four days of play. These were all adverse circumstances, which, although consideration of them cannot rob the England team of the merit of a great achievement.—(Continued on Page 9.)

OUR WEEKLY HOCKEY FEATURE

"The Pilgrim" On The

FAREWELL TO TWO OFFICIALS

POLICE HOCKEY PREDICAMENT

CIVILIANS OR SERVICES? POSITION IS A BIT VAGUE

In an interview with Sub-Inspector Tyler, Secretary of the Police Hockey team I was given to understand future are being recognised as a "Service Team." It is rather strange that names of Police members were submitted to the Hongkong Hockey Association for the Civilian trials and six members of the Police team did participate in the trials, and J. Wall has also been selected to represent the Civilians in the final selection.

By forming the new Services Tournament I am afraid the Police have placed themselves in a strange predicament and seem to class themselves as Civilians or Services to suit their own convenience. It is about time they made up their minds as to what they are or what they want to be.

The Regular Services in Hongkong would probably solve the problem for them. What is the Hongkong Hockey Association going to do about this?

CIVILIAN TRIAL

TEAM SELECTED AFTER GAME

PRACTICE TO-DAY

The second Civilian Trial game took place on the Club ground last Sunday morning after which the final selection was made. A few players originally chosen failed to make an appearance but the reserves eventually filled the vacated positions. For the first half of the game the Probables defence proved too solid for the Probables attack which failed to score. On changing over after the interval, the Probables attack was switched over to the Probables defence and the team as a whole combined effectively, four goals being scored in quick succession. For the Probables Wall (Police) and G. Fowler (C.B.A.) did well in the attack, whilst M. H. Hassan (Recreio) was outstanding in the intermediate line. Guest and E. L. Gosano were safe at back.

Our Daily Golf Hint

There is a master spot on the line of each putt. Find it, and see that the ball is so hit that it goes over it. —Guy Campbell.

was outstanding in the intermediate line. Guest and E. L. Gosano were safe at back.

The Probables were best served by S. Fowler and Pyara Singh in the attack and T. Alves at left-half. Ramzan in goal gave a brilliant exhibition. The Probables on both occasions scored a total of six goals.

The following players will represent the Civilians in their annual Hockey match against the Combined Services on Sunday, December 13. B. H. Souza (Argonauts) A. E. P. Guest (Radio) E. L. Gosano (Argonauts) M. H. Hassan (Radio) W. A. Reed, Capt. (Club) J. Gon-salves (Recreio) S. Fowler (Club) G. Fowler (C.B.A.) Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.) J. Pinto (K.I.T.C.) V. Bond (Club) R. Xavier (Varsity) N. Whitley (Club) J. Wall (Police) A. P. Souza (K.I.T.C.)

A practice game against the Police 1st XI will be held at the P.I.S. ground Kowloon at 5.10 p.m. sharp this afternoon. The above mentioned players are requested to turn out.

NOTABILITIES

Outstanding for the "Y" ladies were Mrs. Read at centre-forward, Miss O. Dalziel on the right-wing, Mrs. Starbuck at centre-half and Miss George in goal who saved her side on three or four occasions. Miss Tonge at right-half gave a poor display, and allowed Miss Hunt too much rope.

For the C.B.A. Miss P. Woolley and Miss Walker at back gave a splendid performance. Miss P. Woolley at right-half was a terrible thorn in the "Y" attack and received every assistance from Miss O. Peters at centre-half. Miss Hunt and Mrs. Burton proved dangerous in the attack. Last but not least Miss F. Best in her old position between the sticks played a magnificent game. On the day's play the champions were as good a team as the "Y"—if not slightly better. I shall look forward to the return match.

Please Attend To Your Fixtures

An Executive Committee Meeting of the Mamak Hockey Tournament will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 6.30 p.m. this afternoon. The Hon. Secretary wishes to remind teams that have only played one or two games to date to make every endeavour to complete their fixtures as laid down in the Mamak handbook, otherwise competition is bound to occur towards the close of the season. This will naturally lead to complications and an unsatisfactory ending to the Tournament.

H. K. S. R. A. BEATEN AT MACAO

In Very Fast Match

A keenly contested hockey match was played at Macao during the week, the 2nd. Battery H.K.S. Brigade Royal Artillery, captained by Lieut. C. Garthwaite, were beaten by Macao Hockey Club three goals to one.

Play was extremely fast from start to finish and the local team were especially well served in attack.

The visitors displayed a lot of clever stick work which should have been turned to better advantage. But the smallness of the Artillery's score was also very much due to the brilliant goalkeeping of Almada.

The scoring was opened ten minutes before half time when Pedro Angelo netted for Macao. During the second half Angelo, taking advantage of a quick pass broke through the defence and scored a second goal.

Though two goals in arrears, the visitors were not discouraged but fought back splendidly, being rewarded with a nice goal after a clever combinative movement.

However Angelo placed the issue beyond doubt shortly afterwards, incidentally completing his hat-trick.

COUNTY RUGBY TWO VERY CLOSE MATCHES

At Tonbridge to-day, Kent and Sussex played a fiercely keen match in the county rugby championship which ended in a draw of three points each.

At Richmond, Surrey received Hampshire and won a close match by 11 points to six.—Reuter.

Farewell Cocktail Party

TO HOCKEY OFFICIALS

In view of the early departure from the Colony of two staunch and valued supporters of H.K. Hockey Association Majors M. H. A. Campbell O.B.E. and C. S. Beales, the former Vice-President of the Association and late Chairman of the Hockey Umpires Board and late Army Hockey Secretary, the suggestion has been made that the officials of the H.K.H.A. hold a cocktail party in honour of the gentlemen named to express in small measure appreciation of their services to local Hockey.

The party is to take place in the Peninsula Hotel at 7 p.m. on Tuesday next. Expenses will have to be borne equally by those officials, players and friends who attend and it is only on this understanding that participation is requested.

It is hoped that as many as possible will avail themselves of the opportunity thus presented, of wishing them "Bon Voyage." Those who wish to be present please let the Hon. Secretary of the H.K.H.A. have their names not later than Monday next.

THIS WEEK'S CAER CUP MATCHES

THE PROSPECTS

This should be a needle game as both teams so far have been undefeated. The H.K. Ladies possess a better record as they have obtained the maximum number of points, whereas the "Y" have drawn two games.

The "Y" ladies, if they wish to lower the colours of the ex-champions, will have to put up a better exhibition than they did last Saturday.

On current form they are the only team capable of extending their opponent. I should like to see M. Smith at inside-right and S. Dalziel at inside-left, this should improve the attack.

The Hongkong Ladies have a stronger defence but I can see Miss Pope and Company called upon to give of their best as those "Y" youngsters in the forward-line will take some stopping. The two best centre-halves in the colony Mrs. Starbuck and Mrs. Pope will be on view and a thrilling game is anticipated. I'm inclined to back the "Y" for a win.

The C.B.A. present champions should account for the Recreio Ladies on the P.T.S. ground at 2.45 p.m.

The D.O.S. should gather two further points at the expense of the H.K. Ladies at Happy Valley at 3 p.m.

The C.B.A. and "Y" Ladies should share the spoils on the C.B.A. ground at 3 p.m.



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R. ABBIT DISCUSSES THE TEST

It Was A Great Win But England Must Not Get Too "Cocky"

(By R. Abbit)

I imagine that there has been no greater surprise for years in Hongkong than when yesterday morning shortly before tiffin news came through that the Australian XI in its second innings had been dismissed for 58 runs. I, myself, and several people to whom I spoke on the telephone could hardly credit it and were inclined to think that there must have been some error in the telegram, but on the confirmatory wires the glorious news was confirmed.

I will say at once that I have never had very much confidence in the bowling of the English side, though I have always admitted their batting strength. I based my opinion on the show which the All-India eleven—admittedly only about as strong as a fair first class county was able to put up in England last summer. It is quite clear from the result of this match that I had perhaps underrated the English bowling and hardly done justice to the English batting.

After the dreadful start we made, and with our great stand-by out for a duck, the fighting strength of the British batting was amply vindicated by their score of 358. Just credit goes to Barnett and Leyland, but there were several very useful little scores of twenty odd, and these with one man coming off bolster up a useful score, though in these days 358 is by no means a big score in played out Tests.

SUCCESSFUL BOWLING

One would like to know a great deal more about the wicket. It is stated to have been good on the first three days, and it was not until the Tuesday that there was any reference to its showing signs of wear. I myself am a bit doubtful of the absolute accuracy of these reports as I am by now convinced that, except when it really is appalling, critics are apt to describe a pitch as good.

It did not begin to deteriorate upon the Monday then all I can say is that Australia have the devil of a tail, or that our bowling is better than I thought it was. Be it observed that three of the old hands Fingleton, Bradman and McCabe all came off more or less in the first innings, but with these exceptions the other batsmen did nothing. Of them Chipperfield, O'Reilly and Oldfield have plenty of experience but the rest were new men.

The wicket may or may not have been getting worse but it should be noted that our own men did much worse than in the first knock and only a hard-hitting Captain's knock by Allen relieved the danger of a most ignominious score. But, as things were, though we had a good position on Tuesday night and one enviously improved by the fact Voca managed to bowl Fingleton for a duck over night, it was not a certainty until the rain came.

I am in no way depreciating the splendid play of our men, but before we become too cock-a-hoop over our victory there are one or two points we ought not to overlook. In the first place we won the toss and as it turned out the match with it. I take leave to doubt if our own side could have scored much more than 100 butting fourth. For on Tuesday the wicket was wearing and on Wednesday night rain fell, culminating with a sharp storm at 6 a.m. The conditions were such that any butting side, however strong, might have failed. Indeed they recall to my mind the celebrated M.C.C. match in 1878, on a rain damaged wicket at Lord's.

Then again taking injuries we may fairly write off Brown's injury against some of ours, but he will stiffen their batting enormously. Bradman's effectiveness was quite possibly due at any rate in some measure to the most efficient way in which Woodfull and Pontford prepared the way for him. I don't mean to say that Bradman is not a magnificent bat. But he very often inherited an innings when the back of the bowling had been, if not broken, at least a bit bent.

If Brown and Fingleton start big wicket stands we shall see if our bowling can deal with the later batsmen so easily. Besides this, one must remember that McCormick took our first three wickets for 20 runs in 8 overs and then to all intents and purposes took no further part in the game.

But of course the great factor was having to bat on a rain-damaged wicket on the Wednesday. It is however clear that Bradman's wrenched ankle had nothing to do with his blob, as he had previously sprinted 25 yards to catch Leyland. He was beaten by a fast one which popped up. Nor did the absence of McCormick from the batting list make a great difference—as happened on former occasions when Trumper and Jessop both were injured early on.

ALLEN'S MATCH
In a way the match might be termed Allen's Match for he scored 35 and 60 and took 8 wickets for 107 runs. Leyland with 120 and 33 distinguished himself with the bat and Voca who in all took 10 wickets for 57 runs was magnificent with the ball. Incidentally I presume it was an error of decoding—I suppose "expanding" is the right word—that made it appear that McCabe was run-out in the first innings. If this was so and he was not caught by Barnett Voca only got 5 wickets. But I imagine "c. Barnett" is correct.

THE FUTURE
And now what is going to happen? Allen is on a good wicket and he has no Selection Committee to make issues of themselves, and while I fully anticipate several changes in the Australian side I do not think that Allen will make more than one, Fishlock for Worthington. All knowledgeable cricketers with whom I have discussed the matter seem to agree that another left-hander would be useful against O'Reilly and Ward, while Worthington has had his chance and failed. This would also clear the way for Fugg to go in in his usual position as opening batsman.

I gather the combination of Barnett and Fagg as an opening pair must have proved somewhat unsuccessful before in the tour for it is the obvious combination as both are regular opening batsmen for their counties.

ANOTHER FAST BOWLER?
Apart from this I rather expect to find the side unchanged unless there is a very fast hard wicket in prospect. If there is it is just possible that Allen may decide to play another fast bowler, if that is, he has one available. We do not know if Copson's strain is well again, or how

BADMINTON

Kowloon Tong Beat St. John's

MIXED DOUBLES MATCH

Playing off their postponed mixed doubles badminton league match last night, Kowloon Tong defeated St. John's by seven games to two, this being the Tong's first win of the season in this division.

The introduction of Henry Kew into the team made a lot of difference, he and Mrs. A. E. Castro winning all three games.

Most of the games were evenly contested, but Kowloon Tong were good winners.

Detailed scores and amended league table following:

H. Kew and Mrs. A. E. H. Castro (Kowloon Tong) beat A. J. Bennett and Miss G. L. Dolg 21-7; beat David Kwok and Miss P. McCaw 21-10; beat G. A. Smith and Miss M. Smith 21-9.

R. E. Lee and Miss A. Xavier (Kowloon Tong) beat Bennett and Dolg 21-4; lost to Kwok and McCaw 10-21; beat Smith and Smith 21-12.

N. A. E. Mackay and Miss T. Gonzalez (Kowloon Tong) beat Bennett and Dolg 21-15; beat Kwok and McCaw 21-17; lost to Smith and Smith 14-21.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Recrelo "A"	3	3	0	24	3	6
C.R.C.	1	1	0	8	1	2
Free Lancers	2	1	1	12	3	2
Recrelo "B"	2	1	1	6	12	2
Kowloon Tong	3	1	2	10	17	2
St. John's	3	0	3	3	24	0
University	0	0	0	0	0	0

CORRESPONDENCE

Colony Interport Football Team

Sports Editor, Hongkong Telegraph

Sir,—Let us also beat anybody else by nominating our Interport football team against Shanghai next February.

Set on this team. Two to one against Shanghai! The team: Rodgers; Lee Tin-sang, A. V. Gosano; Leung Wing-chiu, Belfrag, Lee Kwok-wai; Tso Kwai-shing, Fung King-cheong, Leonard, Wilson and Bickford. Reserves: Swain and Talbot.

F. K. C.

Farnes has been bowling—though I gather not very well. But if one of the two does come in I do not imagine it will be at the expense of Worthington and so of Fishlock. It would appear that either Verity or Robins would stand down and in view of Robins being the better bat and a magnificent field I imagine Verity would be rested. But this would only be in the event of every thing pointing to a hard true wicket and fine weather.

We shall see. But don't forget, (said he gloomily,) that Stoddart's team in 1897/98 and MacLaren's team in 1901/2 both won the first Test match and lost the remaining four. So let us thank the Fates for what they have given us and speak hopefully but not boastfully about the future.

TURF PROGRAMME

JANUARY MEETING OF MACAO CLUB

LADIES' EVENT

The programme for the January Race Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club, scheduled to take place on January 10 in Macao, appears below:

1st. Race, Nanchang Handicap. (First Section). For China Ponies classified by The Hongkong Jockey Club as "D" & "E" classes at date of entry and Subscription Ponies of this Club. Jockey allowance, One Mile.

2nd. Race, Wen Chang Handicap. For China Ponies. Subscription Ponies of this Club that have not won a race since September 1, 1935. Jockey allowance, Five Furlongs.

3rd. Race, Lok Chang Handicap. For China Ponies. Subscription Ponies of this Club. Winners of three or more races during 1935, barred. Jockey allowance, One Mile.

4th. Race, Nanchang Handicap. (Second Section). For China Ponies classified by The Hongkong Jockey Club as "D" & "E" classes at date of entry and Subscription Ponies of this Club. Jockey allowance, Six Furlongs.

5th. Race, Wuchang Handicap. For China Ponies. Subscription Ponies of this Club that have not won a race at race meetings of this Club since September 1, 1935. Winner at this Meeting, barred. Six Furlongs.

6th. Race, Ladies' Dash Handicap. A Cup will be presented to the Winning Rider. Souvenirs will also be presented to the 2nd and 3rd. Placed Riders. A Handicap for China Ponies, the bona fide property of the Hongkong Jockey Club. To be ridden by Members of the School. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Half a Mile.

Entries close on Tuesday, December 29.

CLUBHOUSE CHATTER BY "VERITAS"

(Continued from Page 8.)

ment, do help to mitigate Australia's comparatively dismal showing. That Australia did put up a very dismal showing will not, I imagine, be contested by Australians generally. That was the most curious feature of the match. Everybody who can follow cricket and more particularly the respective Test teams, had fully made up their minds that runs would be as cheap as dirt, and that it was almost impossible for either side to get out for less than 400 runs. Yet the highest single innings total was 358, and that by England who had prior lease of a perfect batsman's wicket. Australia's batting strength is, potentially, as great now as at any time in the history of Test cricket. Yet we find them dismissed for scores of 234 and 58 by a team which starts on Friday week to be bowling. But it is facts such as these which lend so much charm to the game, and probably there is no other competitive team sport which sends expert prognostications so much astray. No wonder they talk of the "glorious uncertainty of cricket!"

Australia Makes No Changes

THOSE who expected the Australian selection committee to fall into a panic over yesterday's result must feel sadly disappointed in the announcement that the same twelve players have been chosen for the second Test which starts on Friday week. This means that at the most there will be only one change in the actual eleven to figure in the match, and personally I am inclined to believe this one change will be made, and that W. A. Brown will be included. This alteration will be made at the expense of either F. L. Birdcock or R. Robinson. Most followers of cricket will agree that the Australian selectors have acted wisely in refusing to be bamboozled into wholesale changes—simply because of one defeat. Furthermore it is difficult to see quite how they could effect many alterations. It is genuinely believed that they have got together the absolute cream of Australian cricket as it is to-day. To throw out men like Birdcock, Sievers, Robinson and Ward would simply mean that in their place would go either so-called "old stagers" or less experienced youngsters. The team which has done service during the past week at least merit another test. If it should fall next time then the selectors will be in duty bound to make experiments.

SPORT ADVTS.

Captain J. G. Dyson, Chief Officer in charge of the Shanghai Fire Brigade, and Mrs. Dyson, are returning to Shanghai on Friday after spending a holiday at Repulse Bay. Mrs. Dyson recently returned from Home with her little son.

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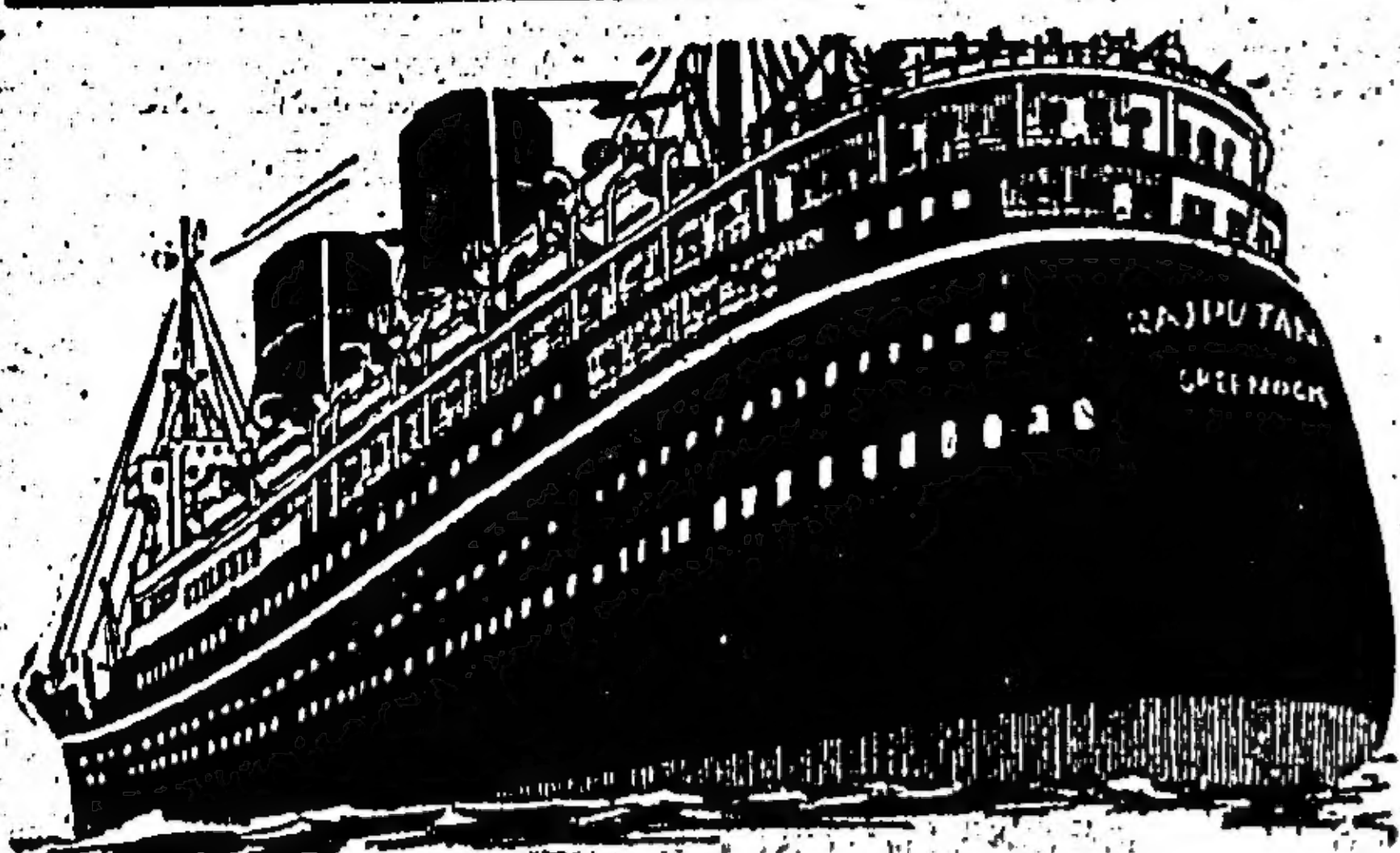
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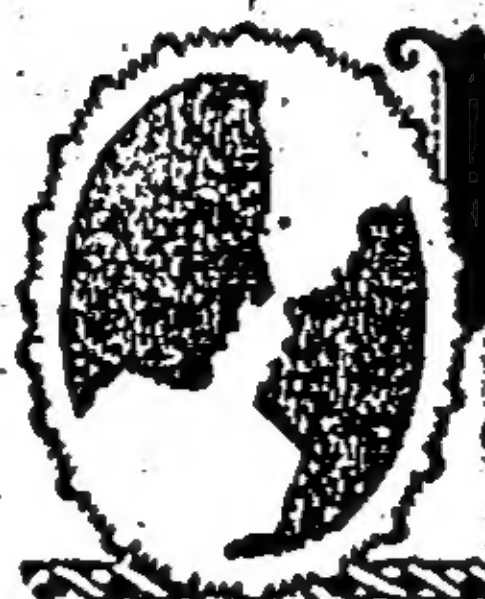
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CHAPTER ELEVEN

Friar John pulled short his sweating horse beneath the kindly shade of the plentiful trees surrounding the village green. What place was this, he asked a passerby. He smiled when he heard the answer. More than half the road from Verona to Mantua had been covered.

Time there was for a brief rest in this pleasant place. He reined up beside an ancient stone watering trough, dismounted, and put his horse to water. A few paces off, small, gaily coloured tents proclaimed a fair. Friar John mingled with the crowd.

A terror-stricken woman ran into the square. She looked wildly about and seeing the cossack of a holy man, clutched the Friar's sleeve, imploring his aid. He turned swiftly, four or five curious villagers following behind as she led the way to a house nearby.

The woman opened the door and pointed fearfully inside. A man, white and still, lay upon a rug on the floor. The villagers crowded the door, and with anxious eyes watched the friar enter and examine the sick man.

His first glance told him the man was dying. Of what? His brief examination failed to show. He stripped the sufferer of his shirt and raised his arm. A huge black swelling in the armpit met his gaze—a swelling that was seen by every villager at the open door.

"The Plague!" The sharp scream of terror careened through the room. The woman and the villagers pushed into the street, their cries piercing the air. Their alarm soon brought soldiers who fastened tight the door and windows of the house, locking the Friar inside.

Friar John sprang to the door, now secure against his exit. The guard shouted the order that he, the Friar, must remain in the house until all danger of the plague had passed.

He sank into a chair. What recourse had he against this imprisonment? His anger gave way to agitation as he bethought of the mission on which he had been sent. The letter which Friar Laurence had commanded him to deliver without fail and upon the hour!

Who now would take it to Romeo? He leaped from his chair and bent his fists against the door. At last he ceased. There was no hope. He had failed in his mission. No one now would deliver the message. Nor would anyone ever know why.

What chance was there that he might escape the plague himself? He knelt briefly in prayer, and turned silently to his duty toward the dying sufferer.

Back in Verona Friar Laurence waited with impatience. John's return. That very morning he had trod the long road to the Capulet tomb and watched the sad procession which carried Juliet to rest. The bitter sorrow of her mother and father had all but betrayed him.

Only the vibrant hope that even as he prayed, Friar John must be delivering the letter to Romeo restrained him—and the thought that Romeo, the instant of his reading, had seized his horse and was already galloping back to Verona.

So busy with his thoughts was he that he failed to notice a Montague among the mourners. Balthasar, Romeo's man-servant, had that very morning arrived from Mantua to deliver a letter from his master to Juliet.

Balthasar waited long enough to ascertain that this indeed was Juliet being laid to rest. With grief and horror in his heart, he sped back to Mantua and acquainted Romeo with this tragic news.

Romeo stared, unbelievably. Juliet dead? Impossible! His Juliet, who only yesterday had kissed him in passionate farewell?

"Is it even so?" he whispered. Balthasar nodded sadly. Romeo sprang to his feet. "Then I defy you to stop me," he cried. "Balthasar! Hire me post-horses. I will hence to-night."

When Balthasar had gone, Romeo buried his face in his hands. "Juliet," he murmured at length, "I will lie with thee to-night," and seizing his money pouch, rushed from the inn.

Swiftly he pursued his way through the city. He found at last a dark, narrow, unpaved street, cluttered with the refuse flung from houses. Such a street would yield him what he sought. His search was rewarded as he noted an apothecary's sign hung from a dismal shop.

He pushed open the door. "Apothecary!" he called and entered the dimly lighted, sinister looking den. He took in, in a single glance, the shelves stocked with a beggarly account of empty boxes, green earthen pots, bladders and rusty seeds; with remnants of packthread, old cakes of roses; a tortoise house, an alligator stuffed and other skins of ill-shaped fishes.

The apothecary's eyes grew bright with greed. "Let me have a dram of poison," whispered Romeo as he held the gold temptingly before him. "Such soon-spreading gear as will, disperse itself through all the veins; that the life-weary taker may fall dead."

The apothecary drew back. "Mantua's law is death to him that sells it."

Romeo laughed. "Art thou so bare and full of wretchedness and fear to die? The world is not thy friend nor the world's law. The world affords no law to make thee rich. Then—be not poor. Break the law—and take this."

"My poverty, not my will, consents, nutters the apothecary, and he turned to the shelves for powder and pestle.

"Put this in any liquid thing you will," said the apothecary. "Drink it off. And—if you had the strength of twenty men, it would dispatch you straight."

"Here is thy gold," answered Romeo, and with the precious powder in his pouch, he hastened back to the inn where Balthasar was ready with the horses.

Without farewell, he mounted his horse and turned for the road that would lead him back to Verona and on to Juliet's tomb.

Madly his horse's hooves beat against the road. Faster and faster he urged his horse, passing village after town, town after village, riding at last through the very one where Friar John was held captive by the plague.

Romeo, his face set, his eyes straight ahead, oblivious of night and man, neither heard nor saw the terror of that village.

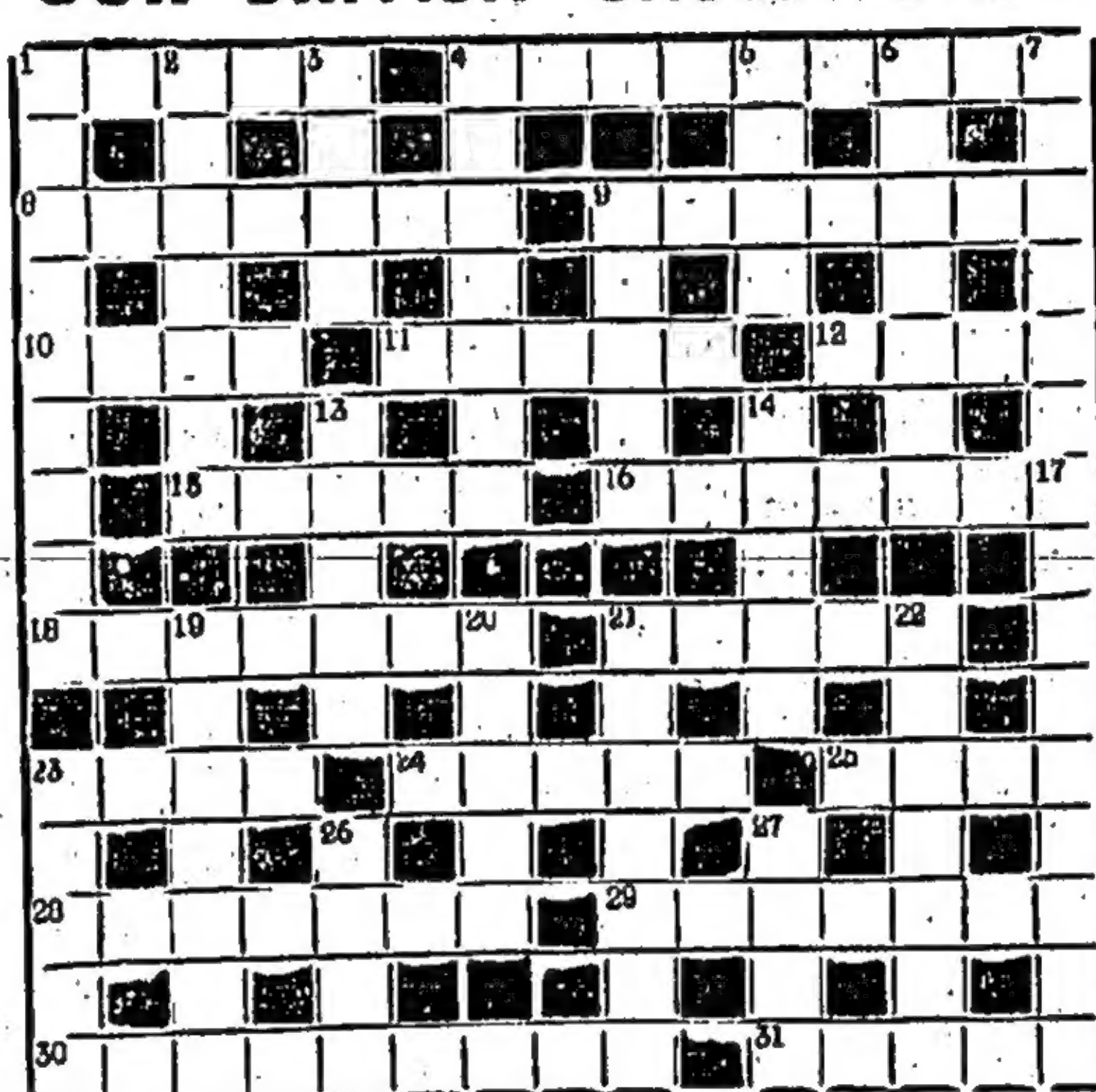
Out of one house fired by the torches, staggered the figure of the Friar. Onto the green he stumbled reaching for the horse that yet stood by the watering trough. With a last effort, he pulled himself upon the horse's back and turned his head toward Verona. Too late now to deliver Friar Laurence's letter, the time allotted him had passed.

Nothing now was left him to do except return to Verona and tell Laurence of his failure in his mission.

And so throughout the night the road from Mantua to Verona echoed the galloping hooves as Romeo, the poison in his pocket, rode to take his place beside Juliet in her tomb; and as Friar John, the messenger who might have saved him, returned to Friar Laurence.

(To be concluded.)

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- Most attractive, I assure you.
- Old chest-protector for an uncommon fool, it seems.
- The sort of brow that's always seen in satisfied surroundings.
- This may have been made by one of 30 with honour.
- Take her on as a unit.
- In this way.
- Suitable vehicle for a nodding Mandarin?
- Do they "Knit rye" here? (anag.)
- It might appear that such a state of health was due to an accident (two words, 5, 4).
- It's simply perfect when I give out cards!
- One of the cards, perhaps.
- Biscuits taken with brandy.
- Help.
- Reds kin, but no Bolshevik.
- European country.
- Dressmakers who spell themselves in this permissible way, never lack customers.
- Showing cook's scope.

DOWN

- Scottish clan.
- Won a rib (anag.)
- One of the ways to wobble.
- Carried by a horse beyond 'little Ernest.
- A filthy one.
- If you haven't one, you have no chance at all.
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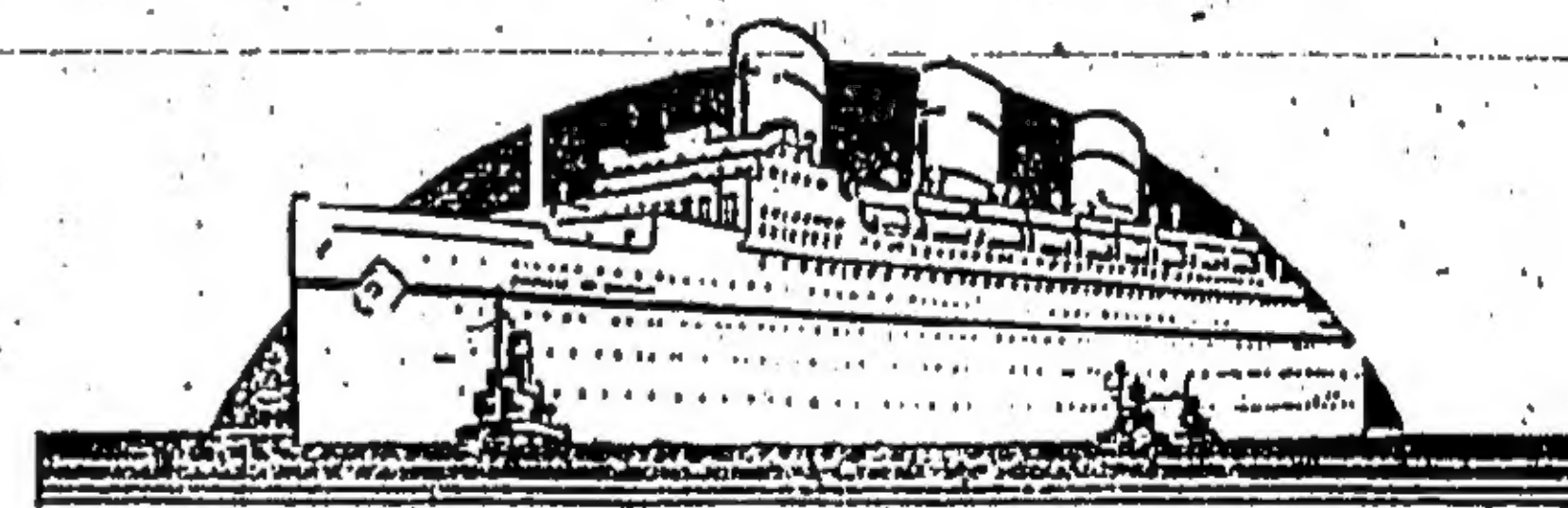
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London, Dec. 9. The Foreign Office has announced that the British and French Governments last week exchanged views on the situation created by the prolongation of the civil war in Spain and the dangers to the peace of Europe involved.

Having established that their views were identical in this matter, the French and British Governments asked the German, Italian, Portuguese and Russian Governments, through their respective diplomatic representatives on December 4, to join them in declaring their absolute determination to renounce strictly all direct or indirect action which is in any way calculated to lead to foreign intervention in the conflict, and consequently, to instruct their representatives on the London Non-Intervention Committee with a view to the organisation of fully effective control.

They also asked these four Continental Governments to join them in a spirit of humanity and to endeavour to put an end to the armed conflict in Spain that the country may give united expression of its national will.—Reuter.

ASK FOR TIME

Paris, Dec. 10. Germany, Italy and Portugal have asked for time to consider the Anglo-French proposals for the lessening of the danger of the Spanish war spreading and for ameliorating the lot of the suffering people of Spain. Russia is understood to have stated that she is favourable to the proposals.

Mediation apparently will be sponsored by the Vatican, and also by the United States and other American republics.

Three stages of mediation are contemplated: namely, mediation by the powers, an armistice, and some sort of referendum in Spain which will determine where power shall lie.—Reuter.

AIRMEN ABANDON VOYAGE

WEATHER SPOILS TRIP TO TOKYO
FLIERS HEAD FOR PARIS

Tientsin, Dec. 9. The weather has interrupted the flight of Jean Perroud and Gilbert Denis, the two French airmen, who had hoped to make a rapid flight from Paris to Tokyo and win the Air Ministry's purse of 400,000 francs offered for the voyage.

Although they have not abandoned their plans, they are returning to Paris to-day to await more favourable conditions before embarking on their dangerous enterprise. They took off for Le Bourget at 8.35 a.m. Yesterday, they arrived here in the early morning, having taken something less than seven hours for the long hop.—Reuter.

CLIPPER DELAYED

Alameda, Dec. 9. Due to bad weather, the departure of the Clipper plane for the Far East scheduled to-day, has been postponed until Monday.—United Press.

QUEZON HERE FOR HOLIDAY

SENDS INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLOOD RELIEF

NO FORMAL FUNCTIONS

President Manuel Quezon, head of the Philippine Government, who is visiting Hongkong with a large party, gave an interview to Press representatives in his room at the Peninsula Hotel this morning. He stressed the fact that he was really travelling incognito and does not intend to accept formal invitations. "I am here for a holiday and to play golf," he said. President Quezon leaves for Canton on Saturday and will return here on Sunday, travelling both ways by train. He sails for Manila on the Empress of Asia on December 16.

Referring to the flood and typhoon damage which occurred in Luzon the day after his departure, the President stated that he had sent instructions to Secretary J.B. Vargas to take all measures necessary to give immediate relief and to reconstruct such public buildings and roads as have been damaged.

President Quezon recalled that his last visit to Canton was in 1926, the year in which a temporary unification of China was brought about. "I hope that the second unification, brought about this year, will be a permanent one," said the President.

CHINESE EXCLUSION

Referring to the position of Chinese in Manila and the Philippines, the President said that the present law of exclusion is in force by an act of Congress. He hoped, he said, to see it repealed and in its place a law passed which permitted Chinese immigration on a quota basis. "We cannot permit Chinese labour to enter the Islands," he continued. "In the interests of our own labour. That is the only reason for a law partially excluding them. There must be no competition which will interfere with our own standard of labour and we must insist that newly admitted Chinese do not participate in the retail trade of the Islands."

The commercial future of the Philippines, which largely rests upon the arrangements that can be reached with America, was spoken of by President Quezon, who said that at present the trade relations between the Islands and the United States were regulated by an act of Congress which would remain in force for the ten years probationary period.

"Then there is going to be a conference with a view to considering whether these relations may be put on a permanent basis," continued the President. "No one can tell what the outcome of that conference will be, but I think that the people of both countries have a fair realisation of the possibilities of trade relations based on lines which will be mutually beneficial."

During the morning two representatives of the Chinese Central Government called on President Quezon in connection with his intended visit to Canton. President Quezon does not intend to accept, however, any formal invitations.

To-day he will be the guest at lunch with Mr. T. V. Soong, at the home of General Gaston Wong.

A 16-year-old boy, Chan Toa, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from an injury on the head, caused when a stone was thrown at him by another boy.

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REBELS SUFFER REVERSE

LOSING GROUND TO BASQUES

BURGOS, VITORIA THREATENED

Madrid, Dec. 9. While Government and insurgent forces are inactive in the frozen Madrid area, the Government troops have pushed on with their advance in the Burgos front.

Despatches from the north report that heavy fighting is in progress on the Santander front, where the Basque loyalists, fighting in the snow and ice on the Canadian Mountains, have captured Alto Seuz Quilano and the fortified town of Ciriarre. Government supporters have also advanced to within 25 miles of the important city of Vitoria.

An unconfirmed report from the same area states that a Government plane has forced down two rebel machines, both victories being accredited to a Government "ace," believed to be a foreigner.

In Madrid, a Government spokesman has admitted that insurgent machine-guns near Villareal caused a Government bomber to make a forced landing. However, the machine suffered only minor damage, and the pilot and observers were uninjured.

Food rationing regulations have been put into force in Madrid, permitting each inhabitant to make daily purchases of half a pint of milk, one pound of bread, five ounces of meat, one ounce of bacon, one pound of fruit, half a pound of tomatoes and five ounces of peas, beans or lentils. Residents will in future be able to purchase on alternate days four pounds of fish, two eggs, one pound of sugar and two pounds of rice.—United Press.

TO ASK INDEMNITY

Paris, Dec. 9. It is officially disclosed that France intends to ask indemnity from whichever side in the Spanish civil war shot down the embassy aircraft over Guadalajara. Meanwhile, an investigation of the incident is under way.—United Press.

14 KILLED IN PLANE DISASTER

PILOT BLINDED IN DENSE FOG
WIRELESS MAN DYING

London, Dec. 9. It is now officially stated that 14 persons were killed in the crash of the Dutch K.L.M. plane, near London, to-day.

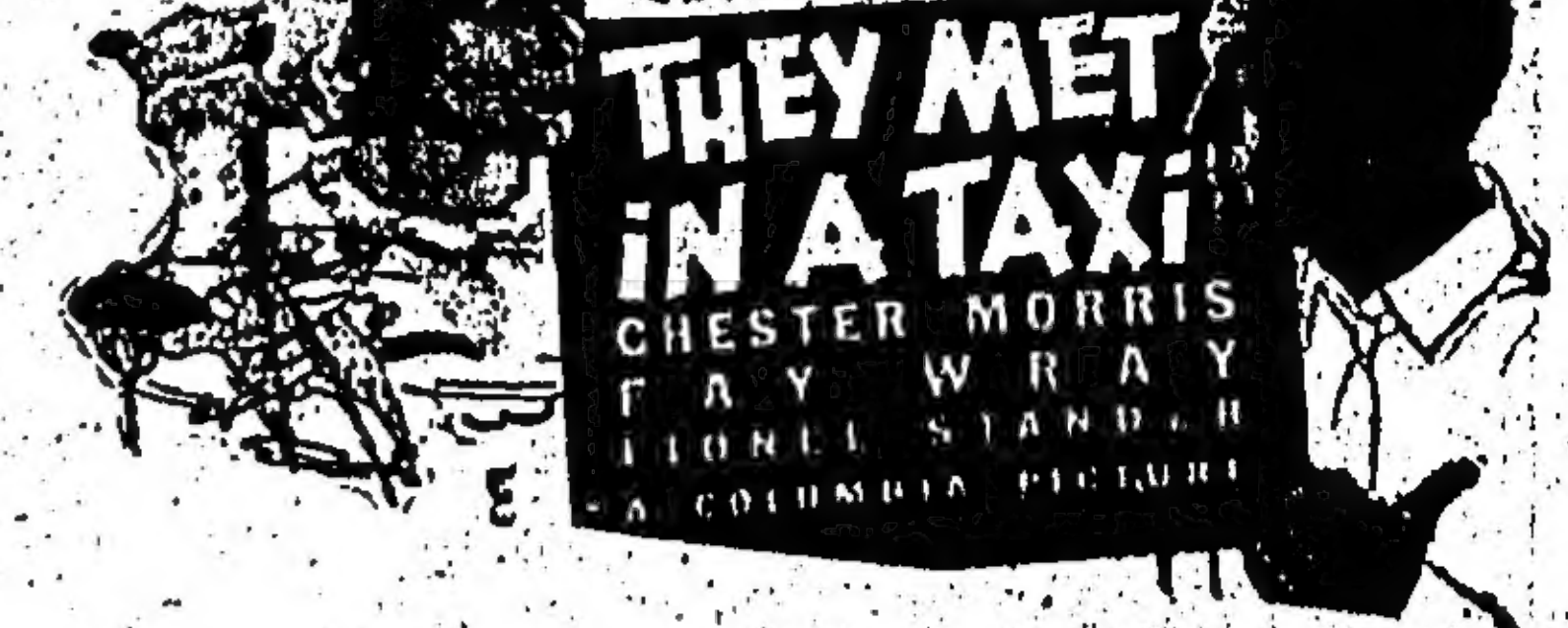
The dead include Commander Hauptmayer, veteran Austrian pilot. The only three survivors are Walter Schuback, a German passenger, Jan van Bommel, radioman, who is expected to die, and the stewardess, Miss Bongerlam, who is suffering only from shock.

The cause of the crash was poor visibility. Fog limited the pilot's sight to only a few feet. Apparently the pilot, having lost his horizon, failed to gain altitude and scraped the roof of a house, struck a telephone pole and crashed into the side of a residence, the plane bursting into flames and setting fire to three houses.—United Press.

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